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McLicence

A woman who obtained a fake driving licence without appearing for the driving test, was acquitted by the three courts. She was first acquitted by the Court of Misdemeanours and the acquittal was later upheld by the Court of Higher Appeal and Court of Cassation.

The woman was stopped by a traffic police officer, who suspected the authenticity of her driving licence and sent it for examination to the Hawalli traffic department from where it was claimed to be issued.

They found no file of the driving licence, but instead found the same number carrying the name of a man.

During interrogation, the woman confessed that she did not appear for any test. She said a man came to her office, after seeing her walking in the street carrying her baby. He offered to get her a driving licence and asked for two photographs which she provided. Three days later, he came back and handed the driving licence to her.

The woman said that he did not take money in return or any gift. She said that he told her that he was helping her for humanitarian reasons.

The prosecution while appealing the case after the woman was acquitted by the Court of Misdemeanours, said everyone knows that getting a driving licence requires a practical test. The lady did not appear for the test and thus must have known there was something illegal about her licence.

The prosecution disputed the woman's claim that the one who got the driving licence for her was a police officer and thought that he could have enough access to get the driving licence without any requirements.

The prosecution said that it was logical for any one to know that obtaining a driving licence needs certain procedures, including obtaining a learner's licence, medical check up besides the test.

But the Court of Higher Appeal rejected this argument and upheld the acquittal judgement. It was supported by the Court of Cassation. The court's decision was based on the woman not having any intention to commit criminal forgery.

Spraying death

ORLA, Italy, June 25, (Reuters): A gunman killed a motorist and wounded 10 people in southern Italy yesterday when he opened fire indiscriminately on passers-by and then shot at police who came to arrest him.

Police said Roberto di Giovanni, 26, began firing a pistol and two shotguns from the windows and balcony of his home in this town near Brindisi, killing the motorist and wounding four passers-by.

Di Giovanni, son of a retired policeman, surrendered after shooting and wounding six of the policemen who laid siege to the house he shared with his father.

MPA killed

ISLAMABAD, June 25, (KUNA): A member of the Islamic Jamhoori Ittehad (IJI) party in the Punjab Provincial Assembly was killed today on a thoroughfare of Lahore city.

Saddarul Haque Dogar, Member of the Provincial Assembly from Sheikhupura district, was driving his car through Davis Road, about half a mile from the assembly building, in the morning, when unidentified gunmen, riding a car, opened fire on his car killing all the occupants.

The assembly was adjourned for the rest of the day to honour Dogar.

Oil well on fire

MANAMA, Bahrain, June 25, (AP): Oman's Petroleum Ministry said today that one of its oil wells was on fire, but that it posed no danger.

But oil industry sources in Muscat, the capital said that famed US oilfield firefighter Red Adair has been called by the ministry to help decide how to combat the blaze.

The ministry said in a statement distributed by the official Oman News Agency, that a new well was being drilled near the burning well to divert gas so it could be capped.

Khorafi seeks budget hike; special cabinet session Tuesday

KUWAIT, June 25, (KUNA): The cabinet today discussed in detail a report by the Finance Ministry on the country's state budget for fiscal 1989/90 and decided to hold a special session on Tuesday to complete its discussions. State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said.

The minister said that Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi presented a report estimating the state's projected revenues and reasons for asking for an increase in the expenditure in various sectors.

He added that the increase was called for to implement plans in educational, housing, health and construction spheres to bolster the economy's infrastructure.

In view of the importance of the subject, the ministers decided to hold a special session on Tuesday to discuss the issue in preparation for endorsing the budget and referring it to the Amir diwan.

The cabinet meeting under chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, further reviewed and approved recommendations of the permanent committee for financial assistance to societies and institutions in Arab and Islamic countries.

Rashed said that the cabinet also discussed the overall Arab and international situation.

Rashed hoped that amicable and good neighbourly relations would prevail between Iran and the Arab countries to push forward the co-operation and understanding of the people of the region.

He also hoped that Security Council Resolution 598 would be implemented to boost peace and co-operation and

assert normal relations based on good neighbourliness and mutual respect.

He added that the ministers were also informed of the message from Brazilian President Jose Sarney to Sheikh Saad in which the President expressed the wish to promote bilateral ties and invited the Crown Prince to visit Brazil. Sheikh Saad accepted the invitation.



Margaret Papandreou arrives at Athens' General Hospital to pay a visit to her ex-husband Andreas Papandreou. (Reuters wirephoto)

Heart surrenders

Search on for cardiac coalition

ATHENS, June 25, (AP): Hospitalised caretaker Premier Andreas Papandreou showed signs of improvement after undergoing emergency treatment for complications that developed today in his kidneys and heart.

Papandreou was hospitalised Thursday night suffering from pneumonia, eight months after he underwent triple bypass heart surgery in London.

A medical bulletin issued today, described the 70-year-old veteran politician's condition as stable and said that he felt better after three hours of treatment with a dialysis machine.

Papandreou's critical condition prompted a team of heart specialists to rush here from London to examine him. Included among the doctors was Magdi Yacoub who operated on him successfully on Sept. 30.

After examining Papandreou, the doctors announced that he was improving and that his heart was "steady." Yacoub then left for Moscow aboard a private jet to attend a medical conference.

Hundreds of supporters of Papandreou's Panhellenic Socialist Movement or PASOK, gathered outside the General State Hospital to maintain a

vigil within hours of a 2:00 am (2300 GMT Saturday) announcement that he was encountering heart problems and kidney malfunction.

A stream of visitors entered the hospital including his ex-wife, Margaret, and their four adult children. George Papandreou who was education minister in the former Socialist administration, claimed his father now "was in a position to make decisions and negotiate," following treatment.

President Christos Sartzetakis visited Papandreou for 40 minutes.

Margaret Papandreou, 66, remained at her former husband's bedside in the hospital's intensive care unit throughout the night and declined to make a statement when she departed at dawn.

Papandreou's 35-year-old live-in girlfriend, former airline hostess Dimitra Liani, was also in the hospital during the night, but it was unknown if she and Margaret met.

Papandreou's critical condition overshadowed the political crisis confronting the country since general elections failed to produce a party with an absolute majority in the 300-member single chamber parliament.

Indian troops must leave

Tiger talks tough

COLOMBO, June 25, (AP): A Tamil Tiger leader, currently negotiating peace with the government, said today a solution to the Tamil ethnic problem can be evolved only if Indian peace-keeping troops leave Sri Lanka.

"Unless the Indian troops leave, we cannot envisage working out any political solution to help the Tamil minority community," said Anton Balasingham, chief negotiator of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

But, Balasingham added: "Going by the Indian stand, we don't see any possibility of an Indian withdrawal in the near future."

Speaking to the AP during an interview, he said political and

other problems had now become secondary issues because "nothing can be done with a foreign Army on our soil."

Balasingham, a Sri Lankan-born British citizen, was accompanied by his military lieutenants, Yogaratnam Yogi and Lawrence Thilakar, during the interview, conducted at a Colombo hotel.

The Tamil delegation agreed to the interview on the condition that no details were asked about the ongoing peace talks with the government.

The talks aim to end a six-year-old Tamil militant campaign for a separate homeland in the northeast that has claimed 9,000 lives.

An earlier attempt to solve the

separatist demands had resulted in an India-brokered peace accord, signed on July 29, 1987 by Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and then President, Junius R. Jayewardene.

The accord provided for local autonomy to the Tamils, most of whom live in Sri Lanka's northeast, and stipulated that Indian troops would supervise an arms surrender by Tamil militants.

Killed
Sinhalese extremists killed a legislator of the ruling party and two others today and under the threat of death ordered people to stay indoors tomorrow when the government plans to fire transport workers who remain on strike.

Quezon province, south of Manila, while they were pursuing suspects. Police privately accused the military of coddling offenders after the incident, which officials blamed on lack of co-ordination.

"With reason, public opinion has turned unfavourably against some elements of the (armed forces of the Philippines and police) during the past few days," Ramos said.

"The drive to expel the undesirable elements from the (armed forces) must be unrelenting. More than that, the military organisation itself must take the

Punjab attack kills 23 Hindus

AMRITSAR, India, June 25, (AP): Suspected Sikh extremists shot and killed 23 members of a Hindu fundamentalist group and wounded 27 others as they exercised today in a park in northern Punjab state, police said.

The gunmen also set two bombs that later exploded, killing two police investigators, police said.

The Hindus were performing daily physical exercises when an unknown number of Sikh radicals drove into the park and opened fire with Chinese-made assault rifles, police said.

The victims belonged to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) group, an affiliate of the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party and an advocate of a Hindu India.

Nineteen people died instantly and four died at hospitals, said a police spokesman.

The official said 27 Hindus were wounded in the shooting at Nehru Park in the town of Moga, 95 kms (60 miles) south of Amritsar.

The victims, who ranged in age from 18 to 50, were scattered across the grass, their khaki shorts and white vests soaked with blood, said a police officer.

Press Trust of India said Home Minister Buta Singh, who is a Sikh, flew to Moga, where an

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indefinite curfew was imposed.

Governor Sidhharth Shankar Ray ordered the police to "capture the terrorists responsible for the massacre, dead or alive, within a week." United News of India reported.

The news agency quoted Ray as saying "the perpetrators of this ghastly crime are neither Hindus nor Sikhs, but animals hired by vested interests."

Without naming any country, Ray said the "vested interests" were hired from "across our border to create chaos, confusion and division in our sacred land."

India has long accused neighbouring Pakistan of harbouring and aiding Sikh extremists, whose campaign for an independent state has claimed more than 900 lives this year. Pakistan has denied the allegation.

Today's attack was the bloodiest since RSS workers since Sikh extremists began a violent campaign in 1982.

Sikh militants are demanding a separate nation and charge they are discriminated against the Hindu-dominated government.

About 88 per cent of India's 880 million people are Hindus. Sikhs make up only two per cent of the population but are in a slight majority in Punjab, a rich farming state.

Tehran wants to go nuclear

Foreign countries will help

NICOSIA, June 25, (AP): Prime Minister Hussein Musavi said today that Iran plans to build nuclear reactors "for peaceful purposes" with technological help from foreign powers, Iran's official news agency reported.

The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), monitored in Nicosia, noted that Hans Blix, director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said the Vienna-based organisation was ready to co-operate with Iran to establish the reactors for peaceful purposes.

Musavi said that the foreign countries had given "positive and promising responses" to requests for technological assistance.

He did not name the countries. But Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani secured Soviet co-operation on nuclear energy during his ground-breaking visit to Moscow last week.

Iran has also signed agreements in recent months with Hungary and Bulgaria for a nuclear reactor,

nuclear plant equipment and technical assistance, Tehran's media has reported.

The Iranians desperately need to expand their power-generating capabilities, badly damaged in the eight-year war with Iraq. But they are also concerned about Iraq's development of its nuclear capabilities.

The Iraqi programme is more advanced than Iran's, despite the destruction of a French-built reactor near Baghdad in a long-range Israeli air strike in June 1981.

The Iraqis are reportedly aided by the Soviet Union and France, their main arms suppliers during the war. France has denied involvement in the Iraqi nuclear programme.

Blix, who arrived in Tehran last Wednesday for a week-long visit, met Musavi and Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati today, IRNA reported.

The Iranian officials today stressed the need for nuclear reactors for energy purposes.

Velayati branded the Israelis "the real danger for the region" because they refuse to allow Blix's agency to inspect their atomic plant at Dimona in the Negev desert.

Blix has also held talks with Reza Amrohalli, director of Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation, and other officials.

Musavi did not say how many plants the Iranians will build.

Oil search in Caspian

Iran tags Soviet accords at \$6bn

NICOSIA, June 25, (Reuters): Iran and the Soviet Union concluded agreements on economic and industrial co-operation worth more than \$6 billion this week, an Iranian minister said yesterday.

Economy and Finance Minister Mohammad Javad Lavrani said oil exploration would be carried out in the Caspian Sea. Iran's natural gas could be piped to Europe through Soviet pipelines and seven dams would be built jointly on five Iranian rivers.

The agreements reached by Tehran and Moscow on economic and industrial co-operation are worth more than \$6 billion, the Iranian news agency IRNA quoted him as saying.

Lavrani was a member of a delegation to the Soviet Union led by parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani which returned on Friday from a four-day visit.

"Eight thousand megawatts of electricity will be added to the country's national network once

two power stations in Isfahan and Ahvaz are developed and new power plants are set up," Lavrani told a news conference in Tehran.

The visit also brought agreement from Moscow to co-operate in improving Iran's defence capabilities—a step that brought a call yesterday from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for Tehran to "stop beating the drums of war and ... (not) to buy and stock weapons."

Lavrani said the energy agreements were the most important part of the Tehran-Moscow economic co-operation and that Iran would decide the sites of new power plants and the seven dams would be jointly constructed on five rivers in Iran.

Tehran would start exporting up to three billion cubic metres of gas to the Soviet Union from early 1990, Lavrani said.

■ Khorramshahr and Abadan, two major Iranian ports badly damaged in the eight-year war with Iraq will be dredged soon, IRNA said today.

FBI on Zia trail

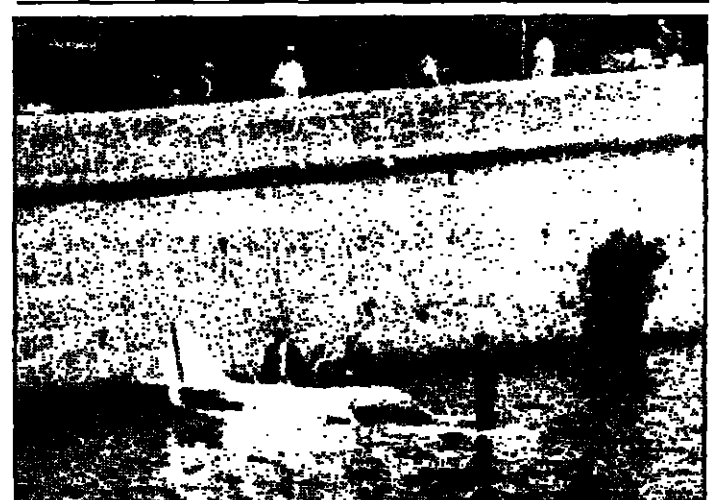
NEW YORK, June 25, (Reuters): The Bush administration has sent agents to Pakistan to investigate the plane crash that killed former Pakistani President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq and the American ambassador, the New York Times said on Sunday.

"We now have FBI agents in Pakistan, at the invitation of the Pakistani government, conducting an investigation of the downing of the aircraft," Milt Ahlerich, chief spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was quoted as saying.

Administration officials were not immediately available to confirm the story.

A Pakistani board has said the crash, which killed Zia, US Ambassador Arnold Raphael and US military attaché Herbert Wassom, was probably the result of a criminal act or sabotage.

But the US State Department last year barred FBI agents from investigating the incident on grounds that the probe could destabilise Pakistan.



Down the Republic

French Republican Party opposition members standing on their Robin plane in the Saone river in Lyon yesterday, after engine failure over the city obliged the pilot land on the river. None of the passengers, who were to attend a political meeting was hurt. (Reuters wirephoto)

Nimeiri 'missing'

CAIRO, June 25, (AP): Former Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri has left Egypt, three days after he said he would be travelling to London and from there to an unidentified African country where he would plot to return to power, an aide said today.

The aide, who refused to be named, said Nimeiri had left Egypt "two days ago." He declined to say where he had gone, or whether he was coming back. He said Nimeiri's wife was not at the residence, but he did not know whether or not she was still in Egypt.

Nimeiri has been living in Cairo since he was overthrown April 6, 1985. A week ago, the Sudanese government said it had aborted a coup planned by Nimeiri's supporters to return the former president to power.

Nimeiri denied he was involved in the coup.

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Defence chief Ramos orders crackdown on military offenders

MANILA, June 25, (AP): Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos has ordered the armed forces to crack down on corrupt troops following reports of military involvement in criminal activities, the government said today.

In a memorandum to armed forces chief Gen Renato de Villa, Ramos said commanding officers will be held accountable for subordinates who commit offences if they fail to report or act on the complaints immediately.

He also reminded De Villa that senior military

officers are responsible for confiscating the firearms of discharged soldiers charged with criminal offences, and for bringing them to court.

Ramos' order followed a daring ambush in the capital two weeks ago in which a police major and his bodyguard were killed. The attackers made off with two million pesos (\$95,230) from the victims, and investigations showed that active military men and ex-soldiers were involved in the crime.

The case gained prominence following the detention of police and journalists in a military camp in

Quezon province, south of Manila, while they were pursuing suspects. Police privately accused the military of coddling offenders after the incident, which officials blamed on lack of co-ordination.

"With reason, public opinion has turned unfavourably against some elements of the (armed forces of the Philippines and police) during the past few days," Ramos said.

"The drive to expel the undesirable elements from the (armed forces) must be unrelenting. More than that, the military organisation itself must take the

lead in bringing its own offenders before the bar of justice," Ramos added.

Also yesterday, a police officer was temporarily relieved of his post as station commander after leading dispersals of students demonstrating against tuition increases, an official said.

Lt. Col Romeo Maganto was transferred to the office of superintendent Brig. Gen. Alfredo Lim pending an investigation of the dispersals on Wednesday and Thursday, when police used truncheons and tear gas.

Rajiv foes take to TV bashing

NEW DELHI, June 25, (Reuters): India's opposition parties have called a nationwide demonstration tomorrow over what they call gross misuse of state-owned television to boost Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's re-election chances.

"Abnormally much time is given to programmes highlighting and improving the image of Rajiv, his party and government and to tarnish the image of the opposition," the Bharatiya Janata Youth Wing said yesterday.

The party burned three television sets outside government radio and television headquarters yesterday in a symbolic protest against slanting television news for political ends.

Opposition parties, which have formed a national front to contest elections due this year, say tomorrow's protest is against biased news coverage through government monopoly of the airwaves.

India's lone television network, Doordarshan, means far-view in Hindi. It is

ridiculed by critics as "Rajiv-darshan."

Government spokesman Ramamohan Rao says Rajiv dominates the nightly news because the head of government in any country makes headlines.

"Television is subject to so much glare, from the print media, from the opposition, from the public, it is difficult for Doordarshan to be manipulated to the advantage of the ruling party," Rao said.

The chief minister of Tamil Nadu, former film star Muthuvel Karunanidhi,

recently banned Doordarshan from covering central government activities in the opposition-ruled South Indian state.

He punctuated his announcement by bashing a television set to pieces with a hammer. The incident made Doordarshan's national news that night.

The Rajiv administration has made a concerted effort to project the medium and its messages to almost every nook and cranny of the world's largest democracy.

Shantis protest elections

DHAKA, June 25, (Reuters): Tribal rebels burned a village and fired warning shots as more than half a million settlers and tribespeople in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh began voting today.

Soldiers guarded streets and polling stations following reports the outlawed Shanti Bahini had set up a special squad to disrupt the district council election.

The government hopes the election will help restore peace to the 5,500 square miles (14,200 sq km) of Hill Tracts, scene of a 17-year-old tribal insurgency over demands for autonomy.

Nearly 1,600 people have been killed in sporadic fighting since the Shantis took up arms in 1973 after authorities rejected demands for autonomy and the expulsion of 300,000 Bengali-speaking settlers.

Officials said many voters turned out in the first hour despite Shanti Bahini threats to disrupt the poll.

The Shantis burned Simanapara village in Khagrachhari district last night and exploded dozens of bombs to force voters in neighbouring areas to stay at home.

"No one died because Simanapara residents had abandoned their village earlier," one official said.

In neighbouring Rangamati district, one official said: "By and large, the people seem to have ignored a call by the Shantis to boycott the poll for three new district councils."

Hope pinned on Moscow

Turkey seeks mediation

ANKARA, June 25, (Reuters): Ankara is hoping Moscow will help push Sofia into discussing the plight of ethnic Turks fleeing from Bulgaria, diplomats said yesterday.

More than 65,000 mainly Muslim ethnic Turks living in Warsaw Pact-member Bulgaria have flooded into Turkey this month, fleeing a forced assimilation campaign and the killing in May of protesters who resisted it.

Bulgarian leader Todor Zhivkov met Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow on Friday and the Soviet ambassador to Ankara is due back tomorrow after visiting Moscow and Sofia.

"It appears the Soviets have started some sort of mediation but it is difficult to know how far it will go. Turkey is pinning some hope on Moscow," a Western diplomat said.

Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz will meet Soviet Ambassador Albert Chernishev tomorrow when the envoy returns from Moscow and Sofia, ministry spokesman Inal Batu said.

"It is too early to say whether the Soviets are mediating. On



An ethnic Turkish immigrant from Bulgaria waves his fist in anger at a mass rally in Istanbul. (Reuters wirephoto)

Monday, we may be able to know what is happening," he said.

Bulgaria told Turkey on Thursday it was ready for bilateral talks but it was unclear whether Sofia was willing to discuss an emigration pact also safeguarding the rights of ethnic Turks.

Turkey has said if necessary it will take all the estimated two million ethnic Turks in Bulgaria.

Sofia says 150,000 have received passports to enter Turkey and that a further 100,000 applications are being processed.

Diplomats said Moscow had leverage with Bulgaria, a loyal Warsaw Pact ally in the Balkans and recipient of probably more Soviet aid credits than any other East European state.

28 dead, 50 hurt in mishaps in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, June 25, (UPI): At least 28 people died and some 50 were injured in explosions and fires since late Friday, and the government ordered inquiries on the incidents, officials said.

Eighteen people, most of them children, died when a gas pipeline burst about midnight Friday in Lahore. According to hospital sources 50 people were injured by the explosion that damaged a water pipeline supplying water, and destroyed some 50 houses.

Also in Lahore's industrial area an early-Saturday

explosion caused extensive property damages but left no injured as the site was deserted at the time, officials said.

In Rawalpindi, an Air Force plane caught fire Friday night while it was being refuelled. One of two people that suffered severe burns, died Saturday in a hospital, the military press office said.

Nine people died and four suffered injuries Saturday morning when a fire raged through a processing unit at the Pakistan Ordnance Factories, officials said.

Soviet ethnic unrest spreads

MOSCOW, June 25, (Agencies): A mob armed with sticks, stones and metal rods stormed a police station in Soviet Kazakhstan as the ethnic unrest which began nine days ago in the city of Novy Uzen spread to nearby areas, Pravda said today.

There were also reports of ethnic unrest in Moldavia.

Protests and disorders erupted in five Kazakhstan towns near the Caspian Sea at the weekend, the Communist Party daily said.

It was the most widespread unrest reported in the Central Asian republic since thousands of Kazakh youths went on the rampage in December 1986. More than 100 people have died this month in ethnic unrest in three Soviet Central Asian republics: Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

In Moldavia, tens of thousands of people jammed a square in the capital city of Kishinev to "mourn" the establishment on June 28, 1940 of their republic, which was created mainly from territory ceded by neighbouring Romania.

Up to 40,000 people, many carrying Romanian blue, yellow and red flags, filed through the city to demand the establishment of Moldavia as a state language and a return to the use of Latin rather than Cyrillic script.

In Kazakhstan, reports of fresh unrest from six other regions in central Kazakhstan had surfaced in yesterday's edition of the government daily Izvestia.

It said rumours of trouble were circulating in several major cities, including Sempalatinsk and Pavlodar.

Authorities say resentment over the higher living standards of minority groups, poor economic and social conditions, indifference on the part of local officials and Muslim fundamentalism have all contributed to the trouble.

The 150 people who attacked the police station at the town of Mangyshlak were dispersed by troops flown in by helicopter. Pravda quoted Soviet Interior Ministry spokesman V. Sivushov as saying. He said the attack took place in the last 24 hours.

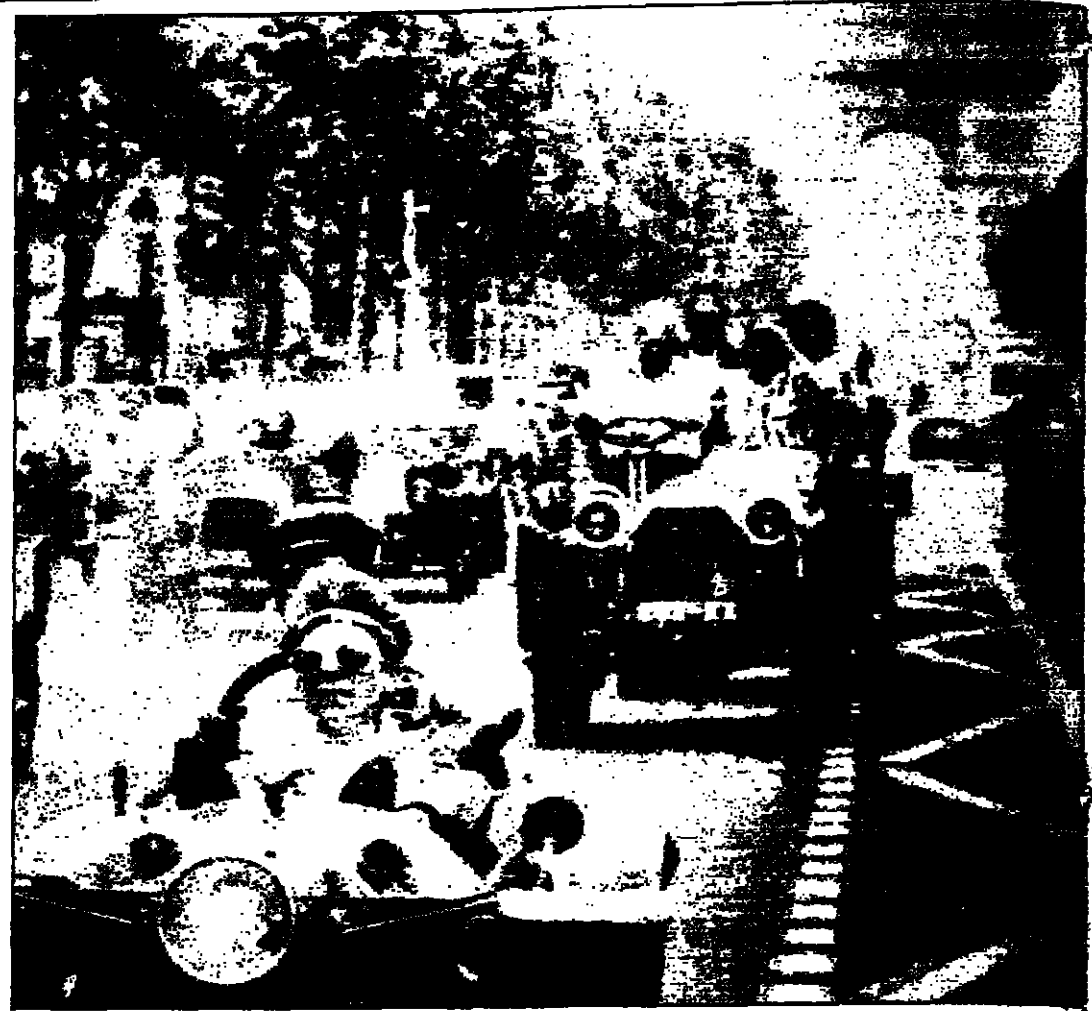
Young Kazakhs also rallied or rioted over the weekend in Yeraliev, Kulsary, Shepke and Fort Shevchenko as "disorders and pogroms" spread from Novy Uzen to other towns near the Caspian Sea, Pravda said.

The daily reported no casualties anywhere, but said 51 people had been arrested in Mangyshlak after the raid on the police station.

In Kulsary, people smashed windows and set fire to two trains housing temporary workers, Pravda said.

Chairman of religious department in Central Asia and Kazakhstan, Sheikh Mohammed Sadiq said in a lecture in Amman, Jordan, last night the new Soviet thinking helped the Soviet Muslims freely express their views and practise Islamic rituals.

"It was a maintaining opera-



Vintage cars

Old cars drive down the Champs Elysees, Paris, to accompany the Itala, which won the Beijing-Paris rally in 1907 and which arrived in Paris on Saturday

after a 22,000-kilometre journey from China. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rights activist dismembered

Police seeking Bailey's killer

NEW YORK, June 25, (AP): In 20 years of running roughshod through New York as a tenants' rights activist, Bruce Bailey turned landlords into enemies. He turned drug dealers into enemies. He also turned friends into enemies.

One of his enemies murdered and dismembered Bailey on June 14. Police are still trying to determine which one.

"We know there are a lot of people who don't like him," said detective Chief Joseph G. Demartino, who is heading the investigation into the slaying that ended Bailey's two-decade tenure as an Upper West side gadfly.

Bailey, 54, was on his way to a tenants' organisation meeting when he disappeared. Parts of his body were found a day later in several garbage bags in the Bronx, with his limbs and head severed. Police, acting on a tip, searched a Staten Island landfill yesterday for the head.

"One fact is crystal clear to those who knew Bailey's life and work: this is no random act of violence," said a statement issued by his wife, Nellie Hester, and their two children. "This was a deliberate political murder, no different from the acts of a death squad in El Salvador."

"We strongly believe that some real estate thug found, as all the others have, that Bruce couldn't be bought, couldn't be frightened, couldn't be discouraged. But he could, of course, be killed."

His slaying produced an outpouring of grief and support from some of the people he assisted. A bouquet of five roses was left outside the door of the Columbia Tenants Union, which Bailey headed. "5 roses from Apt. 3E" read the card.

"He saved our building and made it a better place. The building was a disaster before he came in, and he helped us put it back together," said Esther Bishop of the 125th Street tenants group that Bailey was scheduled to meet the night he was killed.

When Bailey first became active in tenants rights, "you could count on Bruce to show up with the troops," recalled former state assemblywoman Marie Runyon, a one-time Bailey associate who wound up at odds with him.

Hungarian communists revamp party leadership

BUDAPEST, Hungary, June 25, (AP): Communist Party reformers have won a victory at a weekend crisis meeting of the Central Committee that put three of them on a newly created four-man presidium charged with running the party until the fall.

Reformers were also strengthened yesterday at the meeting of the policy-making Central Committee by the appointment as party chairman of Kesztes Nyers, the father of pioneering economic reforms in the late 1960s.

Nyers, Minister of State Imre Pozsgay and Premier Miklos Nemeth, all well-known reformers, will now run the party along with General Secretary Karoly Grosz. Grosz, a centrist in power for just 13 months had led the party alone until yesterday, and the formation of the four-man presidium represented a severe check on his authority.

The changes were apparently aimed at averting a complete split in the ranks of Hungary's ruling communists until a congress selects new leaders this fall. "It was a maintaining opera-

tion, ensuring the party to hold on and preventing it from falling apart before the Oct. 7, congress," commented a Western diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Grosz has lost standing recently with a series of contradictory statements interpreted as vacillation by both reformers and conservatives. Increasingly open conflicts between the two wings left him little middle ground, and several party reform groups called publicly for his ouster ahead of the two-day Central Committee meeting.

The reformers enjoy general popularity across the nation. But Grosz's inclusion in the new leadership suggested reform-minded communists had been forced to strike a balance with disgruntled conservatives.

"This was a conscious compromise in which everybody knew the rules of the game. Previously compromises were made in secret... But at the congress we'll speak openly," Mai Nap, an independent afternoon daily, today quoted an unnamed party official as saying today.

Housing scam under scrutiny

WASHINGTON, June 25, (Reuters): Investigators have uncovered a maze of incompetence, greed and misguided benevolence at a federal housing agency in a scandal that could cost the US government hundreds of millions of dollars.

The tale features a woman known as "Robin Hood," dubbed for the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) department from which she stole \$5.5 million to give to the poor.

Less honourable motives are evident in other cases emerging from the investigations by Congress and the Justice Department into the affairs of HUD, which finances low-income housing and insures mortgages for low and moderate-cost housing.

Testimony described how a government official awarded huge housing contracts to Republican political cronies — including a group headed by the US ambassador to Switzerland.

A former cabinet secretary got \$300,000 in fees for his influence over the process and this past week brought a report that widespread mortgage fraud may trigger hundreds of millions of dollars in loan losses.

Local housing agencies are also being probed, indictments have been returned and housing projects during former president Ronald Reagan's administration are under scrutiny.

The congressional investigation has focused on three areas: ■ The apparent favoritism shown to Reagan's Republicans who sought scarce government funds for lucrative rehabilitation of low-income housing projects.

■ The theft of federal funds received in sales of foreclosed property.

■ General mismanagement at the housing agency for years. A key target is the hands-off management style of former HUD secretary Samuel Pierce — the only person in Reagan's cabinet to stay the entire eight years of his presidency.

Dubbed "Silent Sam" for his anonymity — Reagan once mistook him for a visiting mayor — Pierce has denied wrongdoing.

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Angry geisha tells her story

Uno was high-handed

TOKYO, June 25, (AP): A 40-year-old former geisha, whose identity previously had been withheld, appeared on television today to tell her story of being paid by Sonosuke Uno, now Japan's prime minister, to be his mistress in 1985.

Mitsuko Nakanishi said Uno had been high-handed and did not understand the feelings of the weak, and she did not think such a man should be prime minister.

"I just wanted to tell the facts," she said in an interview with Tokyo Broadcasting System. She denied any ulterior motives.

She added that she had not expected her story to become "such a big issue." "I even cannot go back to my home because of the rush by media people. It's a kind of (media) violence," she said.

Her story previously had been told in a weekly magazine, which did not name her. After the story appeared, opposition parties and some women's groups demanded that Uno explain. They said the reports could damage Japan's international reputation.

Uno has refused, saying repeatedly that it was a private matter. Uno was head of a research committee of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party in 1985, when Ms Nakanishi said she became his mistress after a contract was arranged with her geisha house and a small ceremony was observed.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

NEW YORK: As authorities hunted on Saturday for nine photographs of John Lennon and Yoko Ono stolen by Sotheby's, three other self-portraits shot in the buff by the ex-Beatle were auctioned at a sale of "Fab Four" memorabilia.

The black-and-white photographs, which included a photo of Lennon and Ono frolicking naked in the snow, were discovered missing from the auction house's exhibition gallery on Friday afternoon, said Diana Levitt, a spokeswoman for Sotheby's.

Three of the remaining 12-photo series titled, "John Lennon and Yoko Ono: The Stark Truth," were being auctioned on Saturday along with other Beatles memorabilia, including a blue wool suit Lennon wore in 1966, "A Hard Day's Night." (UPI)

French police, more accustomed to barrages of stones and bottles from demonstrators, were pelted with eggs on Saturday by protesting nannies and mothers.

About 100 women demonstrated in central Paris to support a week-long strike by employees of Paris nurseries and infant schools demanding better working conditions and higher wages.

It was not immediately clear if the nannies had been paid. (Reuters)



Bigger than life

More than 12,000 rock fans gathered in front of a giant video screen at the Museumplein in Amsterdam on Saturday night to watch a rock concert by David Bowie being filmed at a nearby nightclub. A local sponsor put up the screen after fans complained about how tickets were sold for the concert. (Reuters wirephoto)

ASHVILLE, Tennessee: County music singer Willie Nelson, honoured for his charitable work, says the music business has been good to him.

"I've got a lot of good fans who like what I do and a lot of good people in this town who like what I do," he said on Tuesday night. "And a man can't ask for any more than that in a lifetime."

Nelson was honoured at a black-tie event sponsored by the Nashville chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. Among other humanitarian work, Nelson has led a series of concerts that raised money for financially strapped farmers. (AP)

ALINAS, California: Preservationists and admirers of author John Steinbeck have won a temporary victory in their battle to save a hotel he once frequented.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge John Phillips ruled on Wednesday the city failed to obtain an adequate environmental impact report before ordering the Commodore Hotel torn down.

The building, built in 1874 and remodelled in 1919, was cited often and mentioned in several works by Steinbeck, most famous such books as "The Grapes of Wrath," "East of Eden" and "Of Mice and Men." (AP)

TINDHOEK, Namibia: Malaysian soldiers serving with a United Nations force in Namibia were accused on Thursday of trying to chip souvenirs from the world's youngest meteorite, a Namibian national monument.

UN officials are investigating the incident, which reportedly involved about 36 soldiers who turned up with a truck and began trying to cut pieces from the giant slab at the northern town of Grootfontein.

Teh Hobs meteorite, named for the farm on which it was discovered in 1920, is a boulder of iron, nickel, chrome and other metals. Although on private property, it has been declared a national monument and is visited by some 1,000 people a year, officials say. (AP)

MOSCOW: Singer Paul Simon rode the train of Glasnost into Moscow and sent thousands of young Soviets into delirium Saturday night as he turned the sixth stop on his 15-city European "Graceland" tour into a triumph.

Simon, singing for his first time ever in the Soviet Union, was joined in the outdoor concert in Moscow's Gorky Park by the black South African musicians who helped his 1986 "Graceland" album win a Grammy Award.

The performances by trumpeter Hugh Masekela, singer Miriam Makeba and the male cappella group Ladysmith Black Mambazo also marked the first time that black South African musicians have performed in the Soviet Union.

Simon had the crowd of 10,000 cheering immediately with his introductory remark, "Mih ruid bini vuh Mosk-bye." "We are glad to be in Moscow."

The 47-year-old singer kept the audience cheering and on its feet for the next 2-1/2 hours as he covered the entire "Graceland" album and then added several songs from his earlier periods, including the smash hit "Sounds of Silence" from his days as half of the Simon and Garfunkel duo.

Hundreds of young black Africans who come to Moscow to study and work joined thousands of Soviets for Simon's unique blend of American and South African pop music.

"This is music of two cultures — a cultural fusion," Simon said before coming to Moscow. "I feel that we are representing both black South Africa and America." (UPI)

LONDON: Thousands of people marched through London on Saturday in support of homosexual rights.

Scotland Yard police headquarters said 13,000 took part in a peaceful demonstration, organised by lesbian and gay activists.

The march began in Hyde Park and passed through Parliament Square before crossing Westminster Bridge.

It ended with a rally in Kennington Park, south of the River Thames, where bands played on a big stage.

Actor Ian McKellen urged more homosexual men and women to make public their sexuality by "coming out."

He asked the rally: "Why are there more actors who are out in this country, more teachers, more lawyers, more members of the royal family?"

Labour Party legislator Chris Smith told the crowd he wanted to see a society where everyone was "proud and open about their sexuality and what they do."

MEXICO CITY: The king of mambo, Cuban musician Desemino Perez Prado, was near death at his Mexico City home on Saturday, local press reported.

Perez Prado, from the Cuban province of Matanzas, who became famous in the 50's for introducing the rest of the world to mambo, suffered a severe stroke on Friday night.

Musicians from his orchestra set aside money so that the legend could receive the best of care day and night, since "Desemino" as he is known by his friends, finds himself in narrow economic straits.

Perez, 73, first came to Mexico in 1947, and returned in 1949 to live as a permanent resident.

The musician's health has slowly deteriorated over the last two years. Perez has experienced two strokes which partially paralysed him. Last week he had one leg amputated after circulation complications. (UPI)

COCOA BEACH, Florida: A detective hopped on a surfboard to reach a car thief who jumped into the ocean while fleeing police, authorities said.

The man ran away after he was stopped for speeding on Tuesday, said Sergeant Dick Greaser.

He resurfaced and eluded police twice on foot before being spotted swimming in the ocean behind a hotel.

After he ignored officers' orders to come ashore, plainclothes detective Lieutenant Michael Muldoon borrowed a surfboard and went after him.

A US Coast Guard utility boat fished the man from the surf about 150 yards (137.2 metres) offshore and took him to Port Canaveral. Police then delivered the man to the Brevard County Detention Centre in Sebring. (AP)

ALBANY, New York: New York will build the nation's first prison exclusively for drug addicts and alcoholics, as part of an \$886.6 million plan to put 7,100 more inmates behind bars, Governor Mario Cuomo and legislative leaders said on Saturday.

The deal, worked out after months of negotiations among Cuomo's penal experts and representatives of the assembly and senate, calls for construction of six new medium-security prisons scattered across upstate New York.

It will also create seven "annexes" built onto existing prisons that would provide drug treatment and counselling for inmates within two years of parole eligibility.

The prison bill, which could go to a vote as early as today, comes as New York's 50 prisons are operating at 118 per cent capacity and are overburdened by a wave of inmates convicted on drug-related charges. (AP)

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Batman, portrayed by Michael Keaton, protect photojournalist Kim Bassinger while fighting off the Joker's gang in Gotham City in the new film, "Batman." (Reuters wirephoto)

Caped crusader swoops onto the big screen

NEW YORK, June 25, (Reuters): Batman, the masked but clean-cut crimefighter of comic book and television fame, has swooped onto the big cinema screen — with a new emphasis on the darker side of his character.

The long-awaited movie "Batman" has just opened in the United States but the various products it has generated are already selling widely, and drawing constant attention to a film expected to bring substantial revenues to Warner Communications.

Long before the film's release, the comic book hero's distinctive winged logo had become an immensely popular fashion symbol on T-shirts, underwear and other accessories.

Based on the popular character who was introduced into comic books in 1939 and shown in a tongue-in-cheek television series in the 1960s, the film — a \$30-million production — is

a more serious, Freudian re-telling of the Batman myth.

It tells the story of Bruce Wayne, a wealthy citizen of Gotham City — a fictionalised metropolis that resembles aspects of New York

— who witnesses the brutal murder of his parents, internalises his anger, and comes out at night in a black leather uniform with cape looking for vengeance.

"He's the kind of person who should have been in therapy a long, long time ago," says the film's screenwriter, Sam Hamm.

Some industry sources suggest that the film's dark subtext and decaying urban backdrop may not prove ideal family fare.

But at a time when the American cityscape is widely perceived as hopelessly drug-infested and danger-ridden, Warner's summer offering of a two-hour, air-conditioned respite featuring

an avenging urban angel may reap substantial rewards at the box office.

The film, shot in Britain, stars Michael Keaton as Batman and Jack Nicholson as his arch-enemy, a bizarre green-haired villain called The Joker.

The filmmakers have opted to eliminate the character of Robin, Batman's young protégé. The film's look is part German expressionist, part pop art.

About 400,000 copies of the new film's "bat-dance," a record by the diminutive Minneapolis rocker Prince, have flown off record store racks in one week.

Bob Meritt, a vice president at Warner, said of the film: "The moment the bat logo appears on the screen it sends chills up your spine. It's a powerful image."

Warner is aware that piracy could put a dent

in its profit margin and has offered a \$15,000 reward for information leading to the prosecution of anyone distributing illegal "Batman" videotapes.

It said that a network of 400 investigators and special agents world-wide would be monitoring stores to identify the source of pirated copies.

Income from Bat-products ranging from key-chains to underpants could conceivably cover the film's costs before a single ticket is sold.

T-shirt manufacturer Ken Axelrod said his fun stuff factories are churning out Batman products at a dizzying pace.

"We're running three shifts, 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he said.

"(Batman) doesn't age," Axelrod explains. "Me, I've been a fan since I was a kid. It feels good to identify with it. Good over evil, you know."

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Students studied

Loss of sleep affects learning

WASHINGTON, June 25, (AP): Students who study hard Monday through Friday and then party all night on weekends may lose much of what they learned during the week, according to a sleep researcher.

Carlyle Smith, a professor of psychology at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario, said that retaining of new, complex knowledge is a fragile thing that can be disrupted even by mild sleep deprivation during critical nights just after learning the information.

"It appears skewing the sleep cycle by just two hours can have this effect," said Smith. This means that the sleep periods following a class or study period can be as important to learning as the work itself, he said.

"Watching a long, late movie the night following a class and then sleeping in the next morning will make it so you're not learning what you thought," he said. "You'll not lose it all — just about 30 per cent."

In a paper prepared for presentation yesterday at the annual meeting of the Association of Professional Sleep Societies, Smith said he researched the effects of sleep deprivation on learning by controlling the sleep of four groups of students after they had all been taught a complex logic game and a list of paired words.

One group was deprived totally of sleep for the night after learning the task. That same night, another group was awakened whenever they slipped into the deep phase of slumber called rapid eye movement sleep, or REM. Another group was awakened during sleep periods that were not REM and the fourth group was allowed to sleep normally.

When tested a week later on the paired words, there was no learning deficit among any of the groups. But when tested on the complex logic game, the groups deprived of all sleep or of REM sleep all showed a learning deficit of 30 per cent when compared to the other two groups.

Smith, in an interview, said that his earlier studies have shown that this same experiment conducted on the sleep cycle the third night after learning a task gives about the same results. Sleep deprivation the second night after learning, however, seems to have no effect.

This means, he said, that the students who party all night on Friday after a tough week in school will lose 30 per cent of the learning they acquired on Wednesday and on Friday. If they also lose sleep on Saturday, then Thursday's learning is also affected.

"There's a vulnerable time period (after learning)," said Smith. "It has something to do with processing the material."

He said studies monitoring REM sleep have shown steep increases in the length of such sleep on the first and third nights after learning a major task. The brain, he said, apparently needs these periods of rest to properly sort and store the information for later recall. If the brain is deprived of these rest periods, then about a third of the knowledge is lost forever.

Complex tasks that require logical application of rules to new situations are the most critically affected.

Hot stars found by scientists

MINNEAPOLIS, June 25, (UPI): University of Minnesota astronomers have discovered a new family of massive hot stars in the Milky Way's two small companion galaxies that are ejecting tremendous amounts of matter into space, a report said yesterday.

The stars are considered important, the report said, because they may reveal a previously unknown step in the evolution of some blue supergiant stars from their short, fast burning life to a dramatic death as an exploding star — or supernova.

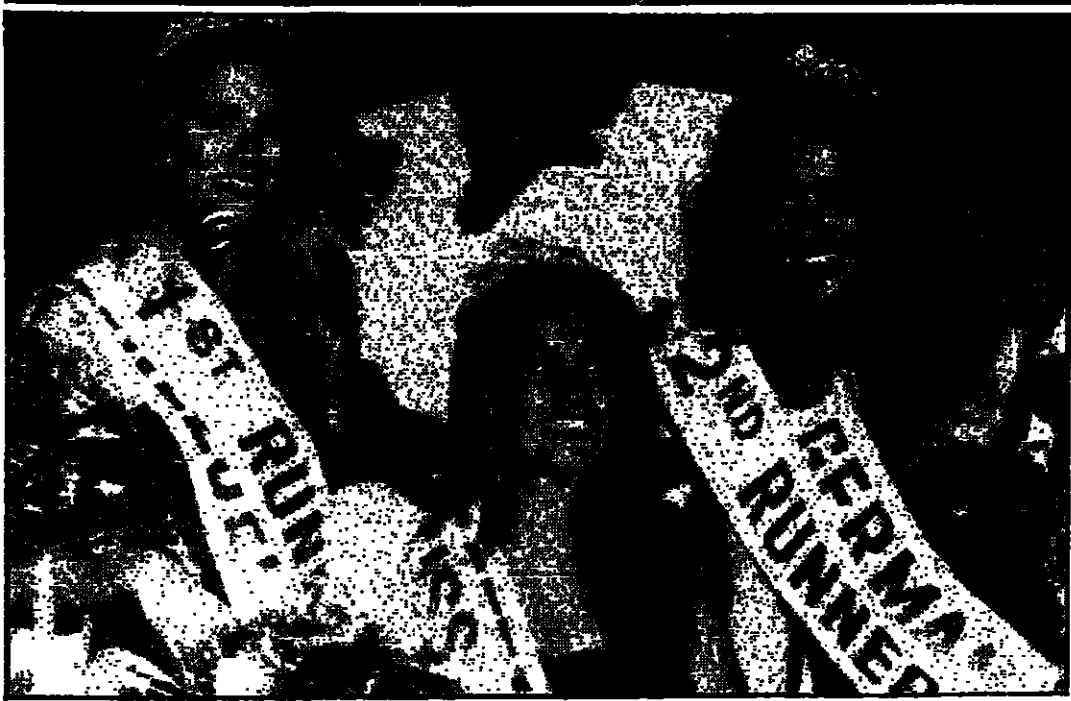
Ten of the stars were found by Franz-Josef Zickgraf, a German astronomer working on a fellowship at the university.

Seven of the stars have been identified in a small suburban galaxy known as the large Magellanic Cloud, about 165,000 light years from Earth, and three in the small Magellanic Cloud, about 230,000 light years away.

Coming upon one of the new types of stars, Zickgraf said an astronaut would see a flat disk of yellowish gas extending like a dinner plate around the equator of the blue star.

The rim of the plate would mark the area where the gas has cooled enough to condense into dust, and because of its lower temperature, it would be reddish. Thinner gas would be streaming from the north and south poles of the star, blown away from the star by its internal radiation.

The explosion in 1987 of a blue supergiant in the large Magellanic Cloud is the most recent visible example of the cataclysmic death of such a star, but Humphreys said the star in that event was not the same as the stars she and Zickgraf have identified.



Miss Globe

Karina Berger of Switzerland (centre) who was crowned Miss Globe 1989 is flanked by Eva Lisa (left) of Venezuela who took second place and Jasmine Bell (right) of West Germany in third place.

The Miss Globe Beauty Pageant was held yesterday at the resort town of Foca in Turkey and representatives of 30 countries participated. (Reuters wirephoto)

UK youths on the rampage

DEWSBURY, England, June 25, Youths rampaged through this northern town yesterday after rallies by a minority workers' group and the extreme right-wing British National Party. Police said 79 people were arrested and two officers were injured.

Anticipating clashes between the groups, police deployed more than 700 officers in the west Yorkshire town, and Home Secretary Douglas Hurd banned marches that were to have followed the rallies.

Mounted police, dog handlers and some officers with protective shields and helmets stood by as uniformed police ringed the rally sites of the small, white, extreme rightist party and a local organisation of workers from the Indian and Pakistani community.

Sporadic disturbances occurred throughout the day, but the worst of the trouble came after the rallies, when police moved in to clear the town centre of demonstrators.

Police said about half of those arrested were white and half were Asian, as people of Indian and Pakistani origin usually are referred to in Britain.

Police estimated 250 people attended the workers' rally.

The British National Party supporters, estimated by police at 150, held a half-hour meeting and left town in buses.

Perestroika has failed, say deputies

MOSCOW, June 25, (Reuters): The new Soviet parliament, saying that four years of reform policy have failed to resolve the country's serious economic and social crisis, has called on the government to take urgent new measures.

The resolutions of the inaugural session of the parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies, were published by Tass news agency yesterday two days before its legislative body, the Supreme Soviet, resumes work tomorrow.

"The situation in the country remains complicated and tense. It has still not emerged from crisis," the document said.

"Perestroika (restructuring) has raised great hopes, but has still failed to achieve the desired results, particularly in the economic and social spheres. Some problems have even got more acute, adding to social disquiet."

While conceding that it would take time to bring about a significant improvement in living standards, the parliament called on the government, the Council of Ministers, to present concrete proposals to the Supreme Soviet within three months.

It said priority should be given to stabilising the consumer market, with firm measures to deal with shortages of essential goods and services by the end of the year.

The government should also work out a new pension law, linked annually to a cost of living index and establish a benefits system for the lowest paid.

Limits on testing of weapons endorsed

WASHINGTON, June 25, (Reuters): A former US secretary of state and three former defence secretaries said today the Bush administration should consider restraints on "Star Wars" space weapons testing in negotiating a new strategic arms reduction treaty with Moscow.

"The United States should be prepared to agree on a 10-year commitment to the ABM (Anti-Ballistic Missiles) Treaty" coupled with negotiations on precise limits on testing which could produce an anti-missile defence, they said.

Moscow opposes extensive space testing of lasers and other missile defences envisaged in former president Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), commonly called Star Wars, saying this would violate the 1972 ABM Treaty.

Future

The recommendation, in a report on future US-Soviet relations by the private Johns Hopkins Foreign Policy Institute, softens the hard line taken by the Reagan administration at the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) in Geneva.

It was endorsed by former senior government officials including former defence secretaries Harold Brown, James Schlesinger and Melvin Laird, former secretary of state Cyrus Vance and former CIA director Richard Helms.

The report supported Bush's "cautious approach" to "dealing with the recent rapid warming in superpower relations," and appeared to attack Reagan's demand that the superpowers virtually abandon the ABM Treaty.

Moscow strongly objected to a Reagan proposal that both sides begin almost unlimited testing of space-based defences and be allowed to deploy anti-missile defences after 1994.

Bush has strongly supported SDI but has not indicated whether he is prepared to soften the earlier US stand against making any concessions on SDI to secure a START agreement.

Limits

The ABM Treaty includes strict limits on testing in space, but US Defence Department officials say it will be difficult to improve SDI prospects without extensive space tests.

The new report said Bush should not adopt a wholesale rethink of START, which resumed this month in Geneva, but said both sides should agree precisely where they both stand.

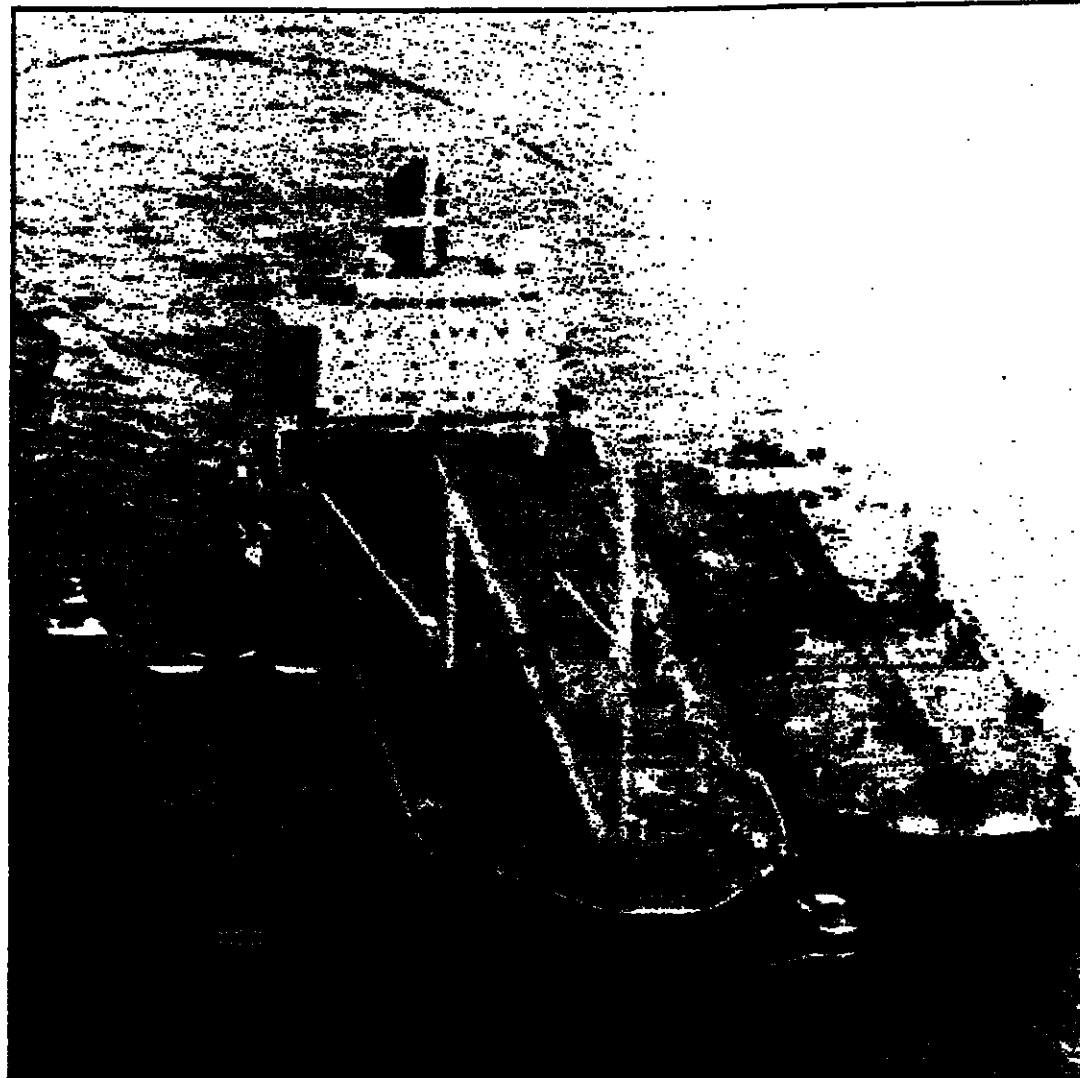
"On strategic defences, the Soviets, the US administration and the US Congress must play by the same rules — and those rules must be made as explicit as possible."

The United States and the Soviet Union believe they can agree on nuclear test verification measures when talks aimed at limiting the size of underground explosions resume in Geneva tomorrow.

The new round will be the first since Bush took office in January but chief US negotiator Paul Robinson says Washington's negotiating position remains substantially the same as during Ronald Reagan's administration.

The talks began in November 1987 but were interrupted last December with the two sides failing to agree on the wording of agreements to limit underground tests to 150 kilotons.

But both sides now say an accord is close. Robinson said surprising progress was achieved last year. "We are in substantially better shape than most (arms control) talks," he told the Geneva US mission's daily bulletin recently.



The Greek tanker World Prodigy is surrounded by oil containment booms off the coast of Newport, Rhode Island. (Reuters wirephoto)

3 spills hit US coasts

2.5 million gallons of oil lost

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, June 25, (Agencies): Oil from three separate tanker spills was blackening US coastlines today, three months after the country's largest spill soaked Alaska's wildlife and stained the nation's oil industry.

Between 1 million and 1.5 million gallons (3.8 and 5.7 million litres) of heating oil drifted at least 20 miles (32 kilometres) and washed onto Rhode Island shores on the northeastern US coast yesterday from a Greek tanker that grounded the day before, officials said.

Several hundred miles (kilometres) south, in the Delaware river near Wilmington, Delaware, a Uruguayan oil tanker carrying 18 million gallons (68 million litres) of industrial heating oil ran aground yesterday morning, spilling as much as 800,000 gallons (3.02 million litres), its crew said.

Off the southern US coast, in the Houston ship channel at Galveston Bay, Texas, about 250,000 gallons (946,000 litres) of heavy crude oil spilled from a tug-driven barge damaged in a collision with a cargo vessel Friday evening.

Together, the accidents spilled as much as 2.5 million gallons (9.65 million litres) and were the worst setback for the oil shipping industry since nearly 11 million gallons (42 million litres) of heavy crude oil gushed into Alaskan waters March 24 from the tanker Exxon Valdez.

In Rhode Island, workers began unloading the

remaining 5.5 million-gallons (20 million litres) of oil from the damaged tanker, the World Prodigy. Officials closed beaches and shellfishing beds and promised a criminal investigation.

Ed Agen, head of the Shellfishers Association in Narragansett Bay, said of the closing: "Long-term this could be devastating."

"This amounts to gross negligence, no question about it," said Gov. Edward DiPrete. He said the captain of the Greek tanker admitted plotting a mistaken course before the 530-foot (160-metre) ship hit well-marked Brenton Reef on Friday afternoon.

Cleanup crews strung absorbent booms at sensitive coves and inlets, extending a containment effort that began Friday when booms were dropped around the ship. The light, refined oil dispersed rapidly, which hastened evaporation but meant "more booms, more people — it's a logistical nightmare," said George Wilson, vice president of Clean Harbours, a cleanup company.

US Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr., part of a team sent by President George Bush to tour the area and assess the spill's impact, said, "It could have been a lot worse than this."

The captain of the World Prodigy has been served with a subpoena and may be subjected to both civil and criminal charges.

Social charter is a major EEC issue

Thatcher vs the rest

MADRID, June 25, (Agencies): A social charter to guarantee the rights of workers and citizens in a barrier-free European Economic Community after 1992 is a project dear to the hearts of socialist and Christian Democratic governments.

Schooled in the politics of compromise and collaboration, they want to send a political signal to their trade unions and reassure people that the EEC's giant single market will not simply be a capitalist jungle where the strong devour the weak.

But for British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the charter runs directly counter to the traditional British approach to labour relations and, crucially, to her ideological crusade to diminish the power of trade unions and rid industry of the burden of regulation.

The charter, one of the two major issues at the EEC summit tomorrow and Tuesday in Madrid, forms part of what in community jargon is called "the social dimension" of the internal market.

The idea is that as barriers between the 12 EEC states are torn down in the run-up to 1992, a minimum set of social rights must be guaranteed otherwise businesses may be tempted to exploit less stringent standards in some countries.

At the urging of its president, Jacques Delors, and social affairs commissioner Vasso Papandreu, the EEC's executive commission last month proposed a charter of rights ranging from a "decent wage" to worker participation in management decisions.

The idea was that once EEC leaders had approved the charter in principle, a detailed programme of legislation would follow.

The reaction from London at a meeting of EEC social affairs ministers this month was predictably hostile.

British ministers said supporting the charter would be like signing a "blank cheque" because they did not know what detailed legislation they were committing themselves to.

So the commission suggested that the leaders should make only a very general statement of support for the charter in Madrid and inspect detailed legislative proposals before endorsing the charter in December. But Britain was unmoved.

The commission and the other EEC states will press on with or without Britain, however. And many of the specific proposals for legislation the commission intends to make could be passed by a weighted majority of EEC states.

Critics say that EEC leaders are again meeting for an epic battle in familiar line-up: Margaret Thatcher vs the rest.

But the British prime minister for the first time confronts her allies looking something of a loser — trounced in the European Parliament election and presiding over 8.3 per cent inflation and 14 per cent interest rates that are among the highest in the community.

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Mitterrand shares satisfaction

PARIS, June 25, (KUNA): After fourteen months in his second term as president, Francois Mitterrand shares the same rate of public satisfaction as his prime minister, Michel Rocard, it was disclosed here today.

Forty-six per cent of the French people expressed satisfaction over the performance of both Mitterrand and Rocard.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nun's surgery

HOUSTON, June 25, (UPI): An American nun critically wounded by a gunman in El Salvador underwent surgery yesterday to clear air passages behind her nose and doctors said they now must watch her closely for several days to see how she responds.

Drs Rob Parrish and Robert Hillier conducted the surgery during the morning on Sister Mary Stanislaus Mackey, 72, who was transported to Houston from El Salvador on a life flight plane Friday night. She has a bullet fragment lodged in her brain and another lodged near the spinal column.

Americans disagree

NEW YORK, June 25, (Reuters): Two out of three Americans disagree with a supreme court ruling that burning the US flag is protected under the constitutional right to free speech, a poll released yesterday showed.

Seventy-one per cent favour a constitutional amendment to make flag-burning illegal, according to the poll, which will be published tomorrow in Newsweek magazine.

The supreme court voted 5-4 earlier this week that political protesters cannot be barred from burning the American flag.

Labour leads

LONDON, June 25, (KUNA): Britain's main opposition Labour Party has taken a dramatic lead over Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's ruling Conservative Party, a new public opinion poll showed here today.

According to the poll, in the Observer newspaper, Labour is now backed by 48 per cent of Britons, placing it 14 per cent clear of the Conservatives on 34 per cent.

Today's figures are the first time Labour has had a double figure lead over the Conservatives since May 1986.

Mail apologizes

LONDON, June 25, (AP): A newspaper apologized today for misleading readers into thinking it had published the first interview with author Salman Rushdie since he went into hiding.

The Mail today said it made a serious omission last week by failing to say the interview took place weeks before the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini urged Muslims to kill Rushdie for his novel "The Satanic Verses."

Rushdie dropped out of sight after Khomeini on Feb 14 ordered him killed for alleged blaspheming Islam in the book, and the author has commented only twice on his predicament since then.

Disaster zone

CHICAGO, June 25, (Reuters): Radiation pollution from nuclear accidents, "waste dumps" and negligent handling of nuclear materials have turned the Soviet Union into an ecological disaster zone, a report containing information from an array of Soviet sources said yesterday.

Radioactive contamination is so pervasive in the Soviet Union that the government has ordered thousands of dosimeters that monitor individual levels of radiation, Harvard University researcher Gabriel Schoenfeld wrote in the July issue of the bulletin of the atomic scientists.

Demonstrations

TOKYO, June 25, (AP): Anti-American demonstrations were held throughout North Korea yesterday on the "day of struggle against US imperialism," the Korean Central News Agency reported.

The official North Korean News Agency said demonstrations with placards reading "Down with the US imperialist aggressors, the sworn enemy of the Korean people," and "let us drive out the US imperialists and reunify the country" were held in several major cities, including the capital Pyongyang.

Rebels killed

SAN SALVADOR, June 25, (UPI): The Salvadoran Army said yesterday at least 43 Salvadoran rebels died in last week's armed confrontation while 37 guerrillas were injured and 20 others were taken captive.

Ten of the 20 prisoners were handed over to the government's Human Rights Commission Tuesday, but the remaining prisoners, charged with illegal possession of weapons and vandalism await trial, authorities said.

S. Korea crackdown

SEOUL, June 25, (AP): Riot troops fired barrages of tear-gas today to disperse radical students who hurled firebombs in efforts to protect a meeting by teachers trying to inaugurate a banned union, news reports said.

Fighting raged around Chonnam University in the southern opposition stronghold of Kwangju after about 673 teachers representing 446 local chapters of the National Teachers Union held a rally on the campus, Yonhap, the South Korean news agency, reported.

Operation Blue Print

KIETA, Papua New Guinea, June 25, (AP): Military forces operating under a state of emergency declaration today began preparing for a major operation aimed at crushing a seven-month-old uprising on the northern island of Bougainville, joint forces commander Col Lima Dotson said.

Dotson told reporters "Operation Blue Print" was aimed at restoring law and order in the troubled region.

Deportation

MIAMI, June 25, (Reuters): More than 500 Cuban exiles gathered yesterday to protest a US order for the deportation of anti-Castro militant Orlando Bosch and some exile leaders said they were organizing a general strike by the city's Cuban-owned businesses.

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Families of jet bomb victims meet

HADDONFIELD, New Jersey, June 25, (UPI): About 50 families who lost relatives in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 participated yesterday in a spirited panel discussion and met with two Scottish politicians during a private strategy session.

Nearly 140 people attended the meeting at Haddonfield High School, in which family members, government officials and foreign policy experts spoke about the Dec. 21 bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The ill-fated jetliner was blown out of the sky by a terrorist's bomb four days before Christmas, killing

all 259 people aboard. Another 11 people on the ground were killed by fiery wreckage that rained down on Lockerbie.

Family members from as far away as London and West Germany attended the event, sponsored by the group Victims of Pan Am Flight 103. The group was formed in February to pressure the US government to take action and push Pan Am and other airlines to beef up security.

The families held a strategy session behind closed doors.

Najib appoints Baryalai as deputy premier

KABUL, June 25, (Reuters): Afghan President Najibullah has appointed a former political foe to a senior government position in a move seen as an attempt to consolidate the position of his Soviet-backed regime.

Afghan state-run television announced last night the appointment of Mahmood Baryalai as first deputy prime minister.

Baryalai, half-brother of former President Babrak Karmal and an ex-leader of the ruling political party, was removed from office and imprisoned for several months after a 1987 purge.

Politicians and government officials said today the announcement took many of them by surprise. But the presence in Moscow of Afghan Foreign Minister

Abdul Wakil was a sign that it had been agreed in advance with Moscow.

In Moscow, Tass news agency reported that Wakil had left for Kabul after talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Tass earlier said the two men had discussed possible ways of reaching an Afghan settlement, including holding an inter-

national conference with the participation of the Soviet Union, the United States, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran.

Referring to Baryalai's appointment, Afghan Senate president Mahmoud Habibi spoke of the political necessity for Najibullah to make peace with former enemies within the party to strengthen the government's hand.

Baker calls for end to fighting

BEIRUT, June 25, (AP): US Secretary of State James Baker has called on the Lebanese to show restraint to avert further bloodshed. Muslim officials reported today, as Syrian and Christian forces traded artillery fire.

Baker made his appeal in a letter sent to acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss, who heads the Muslim cabinet vying for power with a rival Christian government, officials at Hoss' office said.

They gave no details, but confirmed a report by the Muslim Voice of the Nation radio station that Baker had also urged both sides to lift land and sea blockades imposed in March.

It was not immediately known if Baker sent a similar letter to Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun, the Army commander who heads the Christian cabinet.

Baker also restated US support for the efforts of a three-member Arab League committee to end the civil war, the Voice of the Nation reported.

The committee, which comprises King Hassan II of Morocco, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, was formed at an Arab League summit in Casablanca, Morocco, last month.

The radio report was broadcast amid renewed Syrian shelling of the coastline north of Beirut to enforce a blockade of the besieged Christian enclave to prevent military supplies sent by Iraq, Syria's main Arab ally, reaching Aoun's forces.

The Syrians, along with their Druze Muslim militia allies, have been battling the Christians since March 8.

A police spokesman said sporadic salvos of 130mm mortar fire hit around the ports of Jounieh and Byblos.

Aoun's artillery retaliated with 155mm howitzer fire on the seaside boulevard of Muslim West Beirut, where several Syrian batteries are deployed.

No casualties were reported. By police count, 373 people have been killed and 1,460 wounded in the 14 weeks of bloodshed.

In a separate development, police said Raja Beat, a Sunni Muslim civil servant in charge of grain and sugar imports who was kidnapped last Wednesday, was released late yesterday.

Syria called today for the overthrow of Aoun, saying he was an obstacle to solving Lebanon's political crisis.

The latest condemnation of Aoun by Syria came just two days before three Arab heads of state charged with solving the deep problems in Lebanon were to meet in the Algerian city of Oran.

Israeli soldiers kill Palestinian

Masked men attack troops

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 25, (AP): Israeli soldiers fatally shot a Palestinian man today and wounded two others after masked assailants wielding hatchets and knives tried to ambush a military patrol, the Army and Arab reports said.

Three Palestinians and an Israeli soldier were reported injured in separate confrontations in the occupied lands. The Army confirmed two injuries and was checking the other reports.

In the occupied West Bank two firebombs were thrown at an Israeli house in the Jewish settlement of Sha'arai Tikvah, causing no damage or injury.

An Israeli soldier was injured in the head by a rock in the West Bank city of Hebron and troops promptly forced merchants on the street to shut their shops, Arab reports said.

In occupied Jerusalem, an Israeli judge ordered seven Jewish settlers held an additional three days on suspicion of involvement in the shooting death of a Palestinian youth during an armed settler hike near his village on Friday, Israel Radio reported.

American 'hostile' George to be deported

KUWAIT, June 25, (Agencies): Israel has decided to expel US aid worker Chris George within a few days.

A Radio Israel broadcast, monitored here today, said Israeli security authorities had determined that George would never be able to stay in Tel Aviv after his abduction incident.

George, 37, is the Tel Aviv director of the US charitable Save the Children Federation, and was kidnapped by an anonymous group who asked him to convey a message to US President Bush on Palestinian rights and Israeli terrorist acts in the occupied land.

Israel said George cannot be accused of involvement with his captors in his abduction plot, but he "co-operated with them and helped them draw up their demands."

Allegations he staged his own kidnapping or co-operated with his captors emerged on Israel Radio over the weekend and were published by Israeli newspapers today.

Israeli security sources called him hostile to Israel.

International relief workers said the news story was an Israeli ploy to torpedo diplomatic gains made by the Palestine Liberation Organisation for helping to secure George's release.

Washington, Israel's closed ally, praised the PLO for quickly condemning the abduction.

"Chris did exactly what most people would do in a situation like that to ensure his safe and early release. The letter that did come out in his handwriting was written under duress," Neal Keny, regional director of the Save the Children Federation said.



George

Jordan will cancel permits

AMMAN, June 25, (KUNA): Jordanian officials said that Jordan will cancel work permits for all Egyptian, Iraqi and Yemeni workers from the beginning of next year and will treat them as Jordanians.

The step comes within the decisions reached at the Arab Co-operation Council Summit that was held in Alexandria recently.

The ACC leaders discussed organising Arab labour within member countries and treating them as citizens.

There were 63,000 work permits given to Arab and foreign workers last year. Sixty-one thousand of the permits were for Arab workers.

The ACC is comprised of Jordan's King Hussein, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Iraq's Saddam Hussein and Yemen Arab Republic President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Saddam asks Iran to work for peace

BAGHDAD, Iraq, June 25, (AP): President Saddam Hussein urged Iran yesterday to work for lasting peace in the Gulf instead of rebuilding its armed forces, state-run television reported.

In a broadcast to the nation, the Iraqi president also proposed an exchange of prisoners captured during Gulf War's early years as a mutual goodwill gesture.

Saddam sharply criticised a defence co-operation agreement Iran signed with the Soviet Union during a visit to Moscow this week by Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani.

"This will create an atmosphere of war and expose the area to new dangers ... The Iranians should always remember that arm-dealers played a role in triggering the war," he said.

"The stockpiling of weapons and the increase in the number of armed forces are signs that they (Iranians) are not moving towards peace," he added.

The 8-year war was halted last August by a United Nations-mediated ceasefire but UN-sponsored talks for a peace treaty have made little headway.

Saddam's broadcast came by night before the inauguration of a major reconstruction project in the war-battered Faw Peninsula.

He said the POW exchanges should be proportional and should involve soldiers captured between 1980 and 1982.

Since the ceasefire only 2,360 POWs have been released, all of them disabled or ailing.

Iran has freed 1,416 Iraqis and Iraq has freed 949 Iranians in several swaps sponsored by the International Committee for the Red Cross.

The ICRC had registered 50,182 prisoners held by Iran before the exchange began said 19,284 by Iraq. But UN and other officials estimated the total number of prisoners captured during the war at over 100,000.

Saddam also said that "honourable peace cannot be achieved by bargaining on Iraq's rights or Arab interests," in an apparent reference to the disputed Shatt Al Arab Waterway, Iraq's only outlet to the sea.

Iraq has abrogated a 1975 border treaty and claims the entire Shatt, known to Iran as the Arvand River.

Iraq mourns for pioneer nationalist

BAGHDAD, June 25, (Reuters): Iraq mourned Michel Aflaq, founder of the Baath Party, today as its leaders paid tribute to the pioneer nationalist who died with his dream of Arab unity unfulfilled.

President Saddam Hussein and officials shouldered Aflaq's flag-draped coffin late yesterday when it arrived in Baghdad aboard a plane from Paris, where the 79-year-old politician died on Friday night after complications from heart surgery.

The Iraqi President and other leaders laid wreaths in front of the coffin wrapped in the red-white-and-black Iraqi colours, before it was taken to the Baath

(Renaissance) Party's national headquarters.

Vice-chairman of Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council Izzat Ibrahim said that today's celebrations to mark the start of war reconstruction in the southern Iraqi town of Faw had been cancelled as a mark of respect for Aflaq.

He said work to rebuild the town, wrecked during Iraq's eight-year Gulf war with Iran, would start without ceremony.

Baghdad newspapers were bordered in black and carried Aflaq's photograph on their frontpages with lengthy obituaries.



Death by rocket

Family and friends gather at a house in the Afghan capital of Kabul to mourn the death of a 45-year-old driver who was killed in a mujahedeen rocket attack.

The rockets fired from the hills north of city tore through wooden doors leaving the walls covered with pockmarks. (Reuters wirephoto)

'I am comin' to end the mess'

Nimeiri cooking up plot

CAIRO, June 25, (UPI): Exiled former Sudanese president Jaafar Nimeiri is confident he will return to his native country to salvage the nation with the help of the people and the armed forces.

In a recent interview with UPI at his Cairo villa, located within walking distance from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's residence in suburban Helwan, the 59-year-old Nimeiri said he planned to return to Sudan and end "the mess" created by Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi.

Nimeiri, who has been in exile in Egypt since his overthrow in a bloodless military coup in April 1985, denied involvement in an alleged recent coup but urged the military in the Sudan to rid their country of "this silly man Sadeq."

The exiled Sudanese leader interrupted his interview several times to call Sudanese Army officers in Khartoum and was contacted by telephone by others.

"A senior Army officer addressed me on the telephone as your excellency Mr President," Nimeiri told UPI.

"I was just being told by another senior military officer in Khartoum that the Sudanese Army under the commander-in-chief held a closed meeting Thursday in Khartoum and made a new ultimatum that all militia forces be dissolved, all arms (at the disposal) of the parties be handed over to the Army and that the old ultimatum to the Sadeq's government is still there and that they are still waiting for a reply," Nimeiri added.

The rare interview which had the apparent blessing of the Egyptian authorities, coincided with warnings from officials in the Khartoum that the existing tension in relations between Egypt and Sudan would further increase if Egypt was involved in recent developments in Sudan. They said this would have a "negative impact" on bilateral relations.

By allowing Nimeiri to grant interviews to journalists, one observer said, Cairo was most likely relaying an indirect message to Sadeq that it still held the "Nimeiri" card.

Nimeiri did not say how he planned to return to Sudan or if he had a specific plan to topple the present regime in Khartoum.

"We will take our own action, and if I have a plan, I would not tell you about it," he said.

"Yes, I have the desire to go back to Sudan, and taking over (the authority) will be according to the will of the people. If they want me to take over, I will take over even though I know the mission will be very very hard."

Asked if he had enough popular support at present to make a comeback, the ousted Sudanese president said: "I think the support is there and I think about 80 per cent of the population wants me to come back. This is the support which is also coming from the military and not only the Army. I say all the mass forces."

MIDEAST BRIEFS

British hostages

LONDON, June 25, (AP): Iran could win release of British hostages if Britain promised to discuss renewed relations and made such humanitarian gestures as sending medicine, a newspaper quoted a man described as a hostage negotiator as saying.

The Sunday Express newspaper quoted Dr Razah Rand, a Lebanese-born French citizen, as saying that Iran holds the key to the hostages freedom and its leaders badly want contact with the west.

Arafat in N. Korea

TOKYO, June 25, (AP): More than 100,000 North Koreans turned out along Pyongyang streets today to welcome Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, North Korea's official news agency reported.

Arafat was greeted at the airport by Vice-President Li Jong Ok and Foreign Minister Kim Yong Nam, said the Korean central news agency, monitored in Tokyo.

Arafat held talks later today with Kim Il Sung, said the Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo. It gave no details, but said the talks "proceeded in a sincere and friendly atmosphere."

Amnesty team

MOGADISHU, June 25, (Reuters): A team from Amnesty International has arrived in Mogadishu to investigate the condition of some of the hundreds of political prisoners freed under a presidential pardon.

The official Somali news agency said the team from the London-based human rights group, which arrived yesterday would spend seven days in Somalia and would meet judges, lawyers and government officials.

Summit in due time

KUWAIT, June 25, (KUNA): Saudi Minister of State Mohammed Ibrahim Massoud said the Arab ordinary summit conference will be held in Riyadh at the appropriate time.

In statements to a Kuwaiti daily published here today Massoud said the appropriate Arab atmosphere will pave the way for the summit to adopt effective and practical resolutions in the interest of all Arab states.

14 hanged

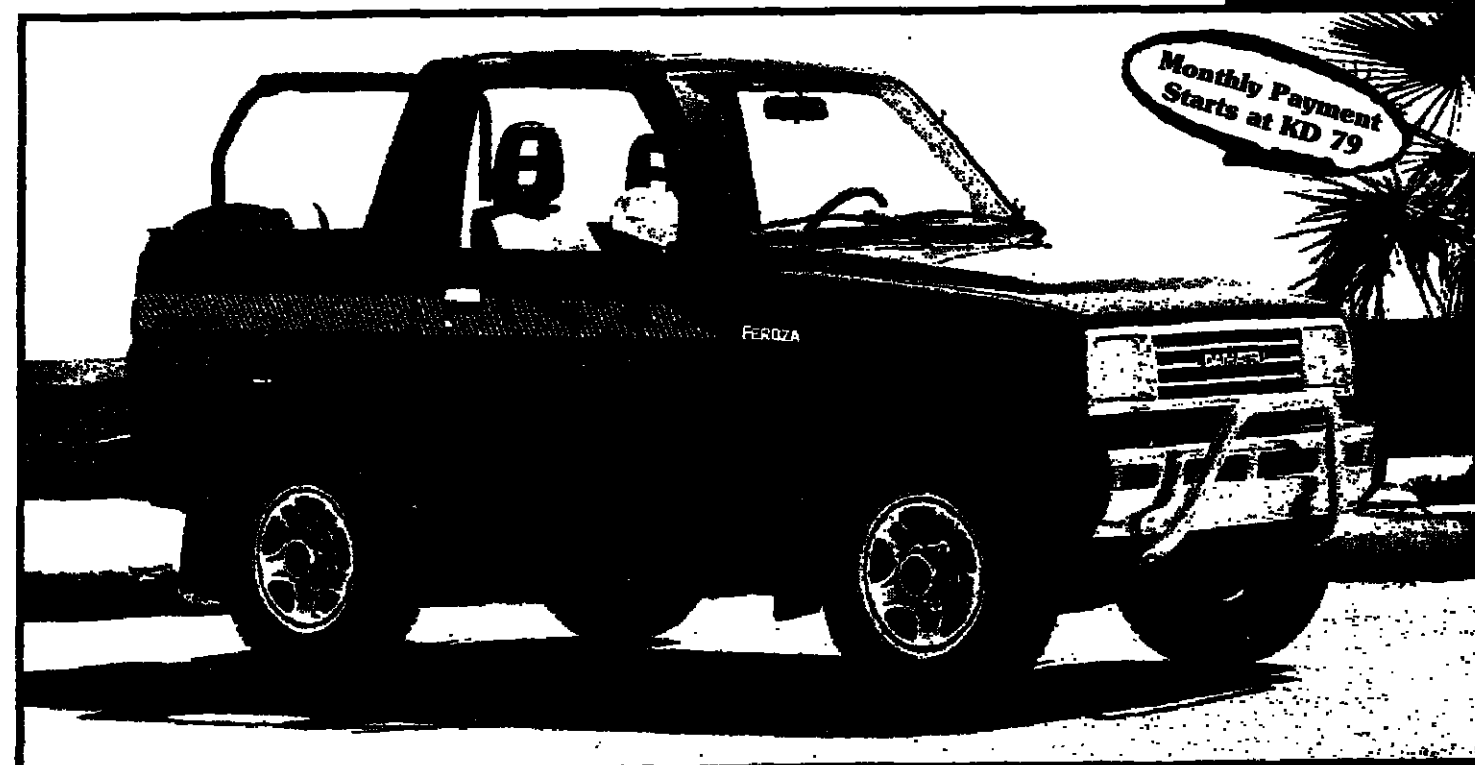
NICOSIA, June 25, (Reuters): Iran hanged 14 drug dealers at a prison in the northeastern city of Mashhad today, bringing the number of drug traffickers executed in the Islamic republic this year to 661.

The Iranian news agency IRNA said the 14 were found guilty of buying and distributing more than 1,800 kg (4,000 pounds) of opium and heroin.

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Ghani hails Yemen-Kuwait co-operation

ACC to enhance co-operation with GCC

KUWAIT, June 25, (KUNA): Prime Minister of the Yemen Arab Republic Abdel Aziz Abdel Ghani hailed Yemen-Kuwait co-operation and described his country's relations with Kuwait as "excellent."

He pointed out in particular the joint Yemeni-Kuwaiti projects, the loans extended by Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and Kuwait's aid to Yemen in the health and education fields.

The Yemeni premier said the Arab Co-operation Council, grouping Yemen, Egypt, Iraq and Jordan, is able along with other regional Arab countries, to unite Arab efforts in the interest of major Arab causes: Palestine, Lebanon and Gulf peace.

In an interview published by a local daily, the Yemen official praised the political results of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) that was primarily embodied in the insistence of member states to attend the recent extraordinary Arab summit in Casablanca, Morocco.

Aid He underlined the ACC states are determined to enhance co-operation with the Gulf Co-operation Council and the Arab Maghreb States Union, stressing in particular the need for military and security co-operation between Arab countries.

The ACC welcomes membership of other Arab countries, Abdel Ghani said, noting in reply to question, if Democratic Yemen sought to join the council, ACC members would consider the request with tangible concerns.

Sanaa supports Egypt's return to the Arab fold and welcomes Libyan-Egyptian reconciliation, he stressed.



Farewell to diplomats

The new Dean of diplomatic corps Venezuelan Ambassador Rafael Osuna, held a reception to say goodbye to the outgoing ambassadors of Bhutan, Sweden and Sudan. A large number of diplomats attended the reception, held at the Regency Palace Hotel. The Dean also presented gifts to the envoys, who have ended their term in Kuwait. Picture shows: Bhutanese Ambassador Sangay Dorgi, Swedish Ambassador Ulf Norstrom, Dean Rafael Osuna and Sudanese Ambassador Mohammad A. Abdulla.

Public sector needs technicians: survey

A SURVEY of the needs for government staff in the technical cadres and manpower conducted by the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) has indicated that the government sector needs 5,200 technicians and assistant technicians, an official said.

PAAET does its best to provide the public and private sector with trained and qualified technical cadres to cope with the requirements of the economic and social development plans of the state. Humoud Al Mudhaf, the deputy director general of PAAET said.

However, the authority cannot accommodate more than 3,700 students in the training centres. The number of graduates of the faculties and training centres of PAAET is equal to the number of graduates of Kuwait University since it was established. This is despite the difference between the authority and the university related to the year of establishment or the large numbers admitted by the university compared to the authority.

Mudhaf attributed this to the time factor of study at the authority which is two years only and to the educational systems of training centres at which students pass easily.

He pointed out that the most serious problem in Kuwait is that all pupils who complete inter-

mediate school want to pursue their studies in the secondary school and only a few members join the training centres of the authority. Another problem is that the government employs secondary school graduates although they do not have adequate training, the official said. He added that the authority co-ordinates with the Ministry of Education through the Higher Education Council to offer technical Kuwaiti cadres who have completed their intermediate school. The authority also takes secondary school graduates and trains them before being employed to be more productive, he said.

Commenting on the problem of Kuwaiti youths who graduate from the authority's faculties and training centres and who do not like to work in the private sector, Mudhaf said that this is due to low wages offered by the private companies compared to the government sector and to the lack of well defined policies related to the import of foreign manpower.

He added that private companies import unqualified and untrained manpower because of low payments although there are qualified and trained national manpower. Imported manpower compete with nationals solely because of the difference in salary, he said. He suggested

issuing licences to expatriates to practice their profession after passing a test. He also suggested granting Kuwaiti technical graduates loans to finance their projects and to begin their professional life.

Mudhaf called for establishing a centre to employ Kuwaiti technical graduates and not to allow the private sector to employ or import foreign manpower unless they refer to this centre in the eventuality there are no suitable Kuwaiti nationals for a certain job.

Competition Mudhaf pointed out that the authority encounters serious competition from the private training centres that offer short courses of three to six months. The graduates of these courses are numerous and employed in the private sector for low wages.

He called for these centres to be supervised by the Ministry of Higher Education. He added that the authority will admit, 3767 students for the academic year 1989/90. From these, 1,962 are technicians and 1,805 assistant technicians. These students will join 114 training courses. The trainees will be distributed as follows: 635 at Communications and Air Navigation Centre, 210 at Electricity and Water Training Centre, 165 at Industrial Training Centre and 2,757 who undergo private courses.

Learner drivers create problems

A NUMBER of learners create a series of problems for driving schools because of their naive violations of basic traffic regulations, which at times could lead to accidents, according to Jassem Najef Sameer.

Sameer, who owns a driving school said that in certain cases learners would indirectly be the cause of disputes of potential seriousness when instructors compete to offer lower prices to learners scheduled for a driving test outside the testing ground.

Mohammad Al Khaled said that his office offers training at KD3 per hour to authorised learners. The minimum years of experience of qualified instructors is ten, he said.

He added that any accident during the course of training would be the fault of the instructor, and that the traffic department could do well to authorise training in crowded and busy streets which would help the learner get used to driving at peak hours.

Weather causing shortage of fish

THE chairman of Kuwait Fishermen Union Abdulaziz Bu Rashid has said that the shortage of fish in the market could be attributed to the current atmospheric circumstances which affects fishing activity.

In an interview with a local daily, the official denied that the Union was monopolising the sale of fish at the market, pointing out that the stalls at the market belonged to 450 members but not one belongs to the Union's Board of Directors.

He added that the stalls in the fish market offered only locally caught fish which eventually surmounts any chance for monopoly.

Speaking of competition between the union market and the retail market in Shuwaikh, Rashid said that there was no competition.

Saudi Arabia gears up for haj

SAUDI ARABIA has so far spent more than 27 billion riyals for expansion and development projects in the holy land in Makkah and a further 20 million riyals for the expansion of the Mosque of the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH). Other projects being conducted includes landscaping.

The government of Saudi Arabia has allocated nearly 10 million riyals for other projects and development of areas surrounding the haj areas. A reporter of the Qatar News Agency in Riyadh said that despite construction, development and landscaping which is currently being conducted in different areas in Saudi Arabia it will not affect the comfort, safety and security of hajis during this year's haj rituals.

One of the most important accomplishments of the Saudi government is the reduction in crowds at Makkah Harem halls as a result of expansions already being conducted there. The Harem halls are specially tiled to

reflect the sunlight and reduce heat on hajis. The estimated capacity of these halls at any given time is one million people.

Other developments include building six bridges to smooth the entry and exits of hajis to the Holy Haram.

Vital One of the most important projects that will be witnessed by hajis this year and which will assist them while on haj is the lighting on the express road between Jeddah and Makkah (a distance of 70 kilometres). The Jeddah-Makkah Express Road is considered one of the most vital for transporting hajis from and to King Abdul Aziz International Airport, and from and to Jeddah Islamic Port and Makkah.

The government has also established several other branch roads, and tunnels to facilitate transportation of hajis to other locations. These roads and tunnels are provided with rest houses and check points in addition to police centres.

Two hundred and six new ambulances all equipped with modern treatment facilities were put at the service of the Saudi Red Crescent Society. The government also conducted a comprehensive network of roads, and sanitary facilities, in addition to drinking and Zam-zam water networks.

The reporter added that the Saudi government decided to distribute 40 million one litre plastic bottles of purified water among hajis this year. These plastic bottles will be given to

hajis free of charge and will be distributed by 400 automobiles designated for this purpose. Ice will also be distributed to hajis by more than 400 trucks which will work around the clock.

Water Makkah is provided with a new purified water network that feeds itself from Shuwaiba station in Jeddah. The network feeds the areas in Makkah and the surrounding location with 25 million gallons of water daily.

In the health field, the Saudi Ministry of Public Health has prepared a comprehensive hajis health care programme and recruited all human and financial capabilities to serve hajis. The Ministry of Public Health in Saudi Arabia has established sixty-eight health centres at different ritual areas, each of these centres contains 8-12 beds for the treatment of injuries. In addition to these health centres Makkah area has 9 hospitals with 2,605 beds and 6 other hospitals in Muna and Arafat with a total capacity of 5,397 beds for the treatment of sun stroke, thermal exhaustion and other hospitalisation purposes.

Communications

On the other hand, hospitals in Medina are put on full alert to serve hajis. More than 11,000 persons were recruited at holy ritual locations to implement the health plan. A number of students from King Abdul Aziz University were also trained to work as first aid workers at different health centres and hospitals.

The government has provided 1,700 international communications networks to enable hajis to directly contact more than 170 countries in the world. More than 1,000 coin telephones were newly established in different areas, in addition to 3,040 other telephones at highly crowded areas. The Ministry of Telecommunications also utilised the most modern methods of telegraphs and telex services at 14 post offices.

The Saudi Ministry of Haj and Aqaf established different guidance centres around the Holy Haram. The centres are provided with hosts and guide workers who have good linguistic abilities.

Col Mohammed Zakaria Jawharji, the head of the Saudi Civil Defence stressed that comprehensive haj plans were conducted for this year's season. The plan is designed and built on results and experience of the Civil Defence during past years.

He added that the haj plan of this year provides full security and safety elements in Makkah and other holy locations, particularly concerning hajis camps and implementation of safety directives related to holding these camps.

Jawharji stressed that comprehensive co-ordination has been made possible between the Civil Defence and other concerned government authorities.

He said that the Civil Defence has established 14 centres in Arafat, forty-six centres and teams in Muna, 10 in Mozdalifa in addition to the other centres at other locations.

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Ten year stay status clarified

ARTICLE 17: "The Ministry (of Social Affairs and Labour) may exempt those who have been residing continuously in Kuwait for a constant period of ten (10) years from the provision of the duration stipulated in the preceding article (Article 16), if the relevant labour contract has been terminated under the consent of the employer concerned, or in accordance with the provisions of either Article 57 or Article 59 of the Private Sector Labour Law". Ministerial Resolution No. 87, March 22/1989.

I have received several queries from readers asking for a clarification of Article 17. I discussed the matter with officials at the Ministry of Social Affairs. At the ministry, they are accepting only (applications for transfer) from people who have been working continuously on Article No. 18, visa for a constant period of 10 years. They are not taking into consideration — or counting — the period of time by people who were born in Kuwait; those who were on student visas and people on No. 20 visas who transferred to No. 18 visas. (This means that only people who have worked for a "continuous" period of 10 years on visa No. 18 are entitled to a transfer of residence.) However, the law does not mention who would be eligible and who is not, therefore, I discussed the subject with the officials at the ministry and was given the above reply.

In future columns, I'll give individual replies to readers who have asked me for a clarification on Article 17.

This week, I've answered some of the many questions received by me last week:

I CAME to Kuwait in 1976 on a student visa. I studied in Kuwait for 12 years. In February, I took up a job and changed my visa to No. 18 without leaving Kuwait. Can I change my sponsorship before three years?

S. Parker ARTICLE 17 of the new labour rules stipulates "The Ministry (Social Affairs and Labour) may exempt those who have been residing continuously in Kuwait for a constant period of ten years from the provision of the duration stipulated in (Article 16)". The law says that those who have been residing in Kuwait are exempted. However, it is better if you could consult the Ministry of Social Affairs.

I CAME to Kuwait on a domestic visa No. 20 in October 1980. My residence was cancelled in August 1986 as I no longer changed my residence to visa No. 18 in Kuwait. I did not leave Kuwait. At that time my company's name was United Tools & Co., the same non-Kuwaiti sponsor changed my company's name to Al Amara Tool & Co. This time, the Kuwaiti sponsor also changed on Feb. 21, 1988. Now I am working with Al Amara Tools & Co.

On Jan 12, 1989, I went for a medical check-up for two months for treatment in India. I returned on April 28, 1989; I was one month and 14 days late. But I had sent a telegram to my company saying I was under medical treatment and would return as soon as my treatment was completed. But when I returned, my company told me my services were terminated. But my company did not give me a termination letter until now. I have not submitted my resignation either. My residence is valid until Jan 18, 1990. I have been without a job from April 28 to June 10. Can I transfer my residence? If I want to go back to India what are the benefits I can get from my company?

P. Kar M. THIS means two things. Firstly, the company's name was changed and then the first sponsor quit and another sponsor came into the picture. If this is the case, it means it's the same company, and your period of employment can be counted from the first date you got the visa. In this case, you can also transfer the residence.

Secondly, a non-Kuwaiti may have rented a licence, and later be changed the licence. In this case, the company changed the residence of its employees to a new sponsor. If this has happened, then the duration of employment would be taken into account from Feb. 1988, the date when the second employer took over. If this had happened, then you don't have the right to transfer the residence because the period of employment is under three years.

Regarding the delay of one month and 14 days in resuming duty, your sponsor terminated your services according to Article 54, section 3, which covers the matter. In this case you don't have the right to get any benefits except if you were absent due to a valid, serious reason.

However, you must have documentary evidence, attested by the relevant authority, to prove your case in a court of law. The court will decide whether the reasons you give are acceptable or not and, if they rule in your favour, it will fix the amount payable to you in benefits.

I'm working on visa No. 18 in a shop. My problem is about my salary. I am paid only KD. 80 a month. I've been working for one year and two months, but my visa is only until September. My employer told me to pay KD. 250 for my visa to him; each month, he deducts KD. 20 from my salary. I receive only KD. 60 per month now. Recently, two new women were employed at a salary of KD. 150 per month. I have told my Iraqi employer to increase my salary, but he doesn't listen. Can I transfer to another employer? Can I get a release from my Iraqi employer? Please advise.

Leo IT'S illegal to pay for the residence visa; and both the employer and employee would be punished for the offence. In your case, you must get the salary that is mentioned in the contract.

I don't know why the others are being paid more than you; only your employer can comment on this.

You can end the contract, that is resign, and try to get a new sponsor, who can provide a new visa, but first you must cancel your residence, leave the country and re-enter Kuwait.

I CAME to Kuwait in November 1988 on a working visa No. 18. I have a residence permit valid for one year. Now I have been offered a job but I am still under the sponsorship of the previous employer. Is it possible to transfer my residence to a new sponsor after obtaining a release from the old sponsor, within the new labour law.

B. Pinto NO, you can't transfer the residence because you've not been in Kuwait for more than 10 years, and in employment for three years.

I AM required by my employer to purchase from him my residence permit, the cost of this transaction being KD20, the fees charged by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

I understand from numerous employees that it is common practice for employers to defray charges by demanding that each expatriate employee pays the charges of renewing his/her residence.

Given that the law demands that the employer provide legal residence and the purchase of a residence by an expatriate is illegal, is this practice legal?

J.W. AS you've said, it is common practice but it's not illegal in any way. An expatriate is "not purchasing" a visa but is paying the fees of processing it to the government. As visas and Civil IDs are personal documents, the bearer is obliged to bear the cost of processing them. (However, if you paid a large sum to "buy" a visa, it would be illegal)

If a person has been working in a private sector company for more than 20 years, according to the law, what will be his end of service benefits in case:

a) The person resigns; is he entitled for full service because of long service with the company?

b) Is the service calculated on 26 days or 30 days?

L. D'Souza a) If he resigns, he is entitled to 7.5 days wages for the first five years, and 15 days pay for the following years; and the total indemnity will not be more than 18 months salary.

b) Actually, service benefits will be calculated on 26 days, because the monthly salary of the employee is calculated excluding Fridays.

I WAS born in Kuwait in 1966. I studied here and have been working since 1986. I started my present employment from June 1988. Now, I want to transfer my residence, but the ministry said it is impossible.

1) Why was the transfer refused?
2) I've many responsibilities. My family depends on me. I've found a job with good salary and facilities. Once the papers are made by the company for the transfer, the ministry has refused to transfer. Could you tell me why?

Samir A. YOU have been in Kuwait for more than 10 years, but you have not resided continuously for 10 years on a No. 18 visa. It would be advisable to seek a clarification on this matter from the ministry.

I CAME to Kuwait in May 1983 and have worked with a company for a period of four years. In May 1987, I transferred my residence permit to another company. This company terminated my appointment after two years in December 1988. At present, I'm on their residence. I would like to get a release to find another job. The present employer is refusing to give a release, quoting the three year restriction. Is it legal? Is there any way to consider my six years stay in Kuwait to obtain a release for a transfer of residence.

K. Zaheer. YOUR sponsor is right. You can't transfer your residence because you did not complete three years with the present employer. If you want to change the job, your new sponsor would have to provide a new visa. In this case, you'll have to cancel the present residence and re-enter Kuwait.

I'M A housewife holding a dependent visa. I have had some medical problem and I plan to go to July this year for treatment in India. I am afraid my treatment would last for more than six months. Please advise (a) What can I do in advance (before leaving) to keep my residence valid in case I overstay? (b) My seven-year-old son is on my passport. What is the procedure to make a separate passport and residence for him?

Name withheld Department's special cell which handles such cases for anyone who wants to stay outside Kuwait for more than six months. You can submit an application making the needful request. They will inform you whether your request has been granted or not. If they grant the request, they'll give you a certificate which can be presented at the airport.

(b) To make a separate passport for your son, you'll have to go to the Indian embassy; after the document has been issued, you'll have to go to the Immigration Department to stamp a residence on the child's passport. You'll have to pay the visa processing fee of KD. 10 per year.

I WAS born, studied and lived all my life in Kuwait. My student visa was transferred to working visa No. 18 when I took up a job in 1984. I now want to change my present job for better prospects. I have been working as a secretary in the private sector for one-and-a-half years. If I do get a good job offer, is it possible to get a transfer or should I go out of Kuwait and return on a new visa?

Jennifer Mendes I HAVE received similar letters from some readers this week. Although I'd be repeating myself, I'd like to tell you Article 17 of the new labour rules issued this year, clearly states that persons "residing in Kuwait for 10 years" are exempted from the restrictions of Article 16. However, Article 17 does not make further definitions. I suggest you contact the labour welfare officer at the Ministry of Social Affairs and seek a clarification.

I WAS pleased to read the question put to you on April 25, published in your paper on May 15. I am once again enclosing a photocopy of my question. I am sure you will agree with what I mean. The person gave a dud cheque to my friend, and the person, because he could not pay back falsely accused my friend to save his misdeed and is free and happy.

I want your assistance in correcting the injustice committed by the person against my friend. My friend is not looking to get back the money but wants his deportation order cancelled and return to Kuwait so that he can file criminal charges against the person who really committed the crime.

P. Colaco AS I said before, there is no way to help your friend because he was sentenced on the basis of evidence presented in court. Cancelling deportation must be dealt with by the minister of interior. If a person was deported by order of a court, that person may be allowed to re-enter Kuwait only after the lapse of at least two years. Before re-entry, or at the time of re-entering Kuwait, he/she must submit an application to the minister of interior, seeking permission to come back. About the case against the person, who, you claim, has really committed the offence, your friend can give a power of attorney in the name of his relative; lawyer to file a case against the man.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1978 on visa No. 20. In 1985, I changed it to visa No. 18. In 1988, I changed my sponsorship to that of my present sponsor. According to the new law, I have not finished three years. But I want to change my job again. Is it possible?

Nazeer Ahmed AS LONG as you've been in Kuwait for 10 years you have the right to transfer. But, I suggest, and it is preferable, to seek the advice of the Ministry of Social Affairs on the matter.

I'VE BEEN working with a family since November 1987 and will complete my contract this year. Can I serve one year and 10 months and leave?

We went to the Philippines in March 1989 to attend the graduation of my madam's sister and not on a holiday. Now my employer's husband says he will not give me an air ticket to go home this November. I will finish my two years contract as a domestic helper. What can I do?

Keclea DOMESTIC servants are not covered by the Kuwaiti Labour Law. Did you request your employer to take you with them to the Philippines? Did they ask you to go with them? If you requested them you can't get the ticket twice; but if they asked you to accompany them, and if they didn't mention the vacation, then you can ask for the ticket every two years. It is customary for employers to provide air tickets to domestic helpers every two years. What was the agreement between you and the employer? Try to discuss the matter with your employer, according to what was agreed with them.

I AM a private sector employee. I came to Kuwait in 1978 on Article 20 visa. In 1981, I changed to visa No. 18 by going to Bahrain. Does the period from 1978 to 1981 exclude the 10 years for a transfer if I have served the present employer for less than two-and-a-half years?

I resumed my present employment in June 1986 but my residence was made in November. Does the law stipulate for a transfer from the day I joined or from the date the residence was stamped?

I went for two months leave last year, with the dues I was entitled to with the balance on the basis of leave without pay. I did not overstay, but when I returned my services were terminated. I was told that they had hired my substitute whom I had trained, to replace me. Is this justice?

My visa expires in a month or two, and if I can't find employment, could I claim my air ticket to return to my country? Excluding indemnity am I entitled to service dues as I have worked for two-and-a-half years?

How come with all the strict rules of residence permit, some companies still employ people on dependent/domestic visas while those with work permits hunt for jobs to transfer their residence? When I asked prospective employers, they shrug it off, saying the Kuwaiti has waste (influence).

C.J. THE fact that you left Kuwait cancels your continuous stay status. However, I suggest you go to the Social Affairs Ministry, explaining your case, and ask them how it will be calculated. (Perhaps, you could let AT know the outcome of your visit.)

If you were on a limited period contract, and it has not ended yet, you can file a case against the company, asking for compensation, which mustn't be more than the rest of the period (of employment). If you were on an unlimited period contract, then you are entitled to 15 days salary for the two-and-a-half years.

If you don't find a job, you can ask for an air ticket, and other benefits. If the company refuses to pay, you can file a case through the Social Affairs Ministry.

If you know of any cases (people working despite dependant/domestic visas) you can inform the CID about such discrepancies, and they'll handle the cases and follow them up to take suitable action.

I CAME to Kuwait in April 1980 on a visa No. 17. In 1987, I left Kuwait and came back on a visa No. 18. My present employer worked for a ministry project for three years, but the ministry cancelled the company's contract before the expiry of three years. My employer has no contract and closed his office. However, he has agreed to give me a release. Can I transfer my residence?

M. Noor YOU cannot transfer your residence. However, if all the employees of the company circumstances of their dismissal, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour officials try to do their best to help the employees.

Young Filipino shop person wanted for a new shop, to start immediately.
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Consumer protection department controls shops

Violators face legal action

INSPECTORS of the Consumers Protection Department at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry oversee and control the dealings of all shops in Kuwait through different centres in order to ensure that customers are protected and not financially cheated.

Commercial cheating, takes different forms in the local market such as reduction in weight of items sold, overcharging, tampering with the date of manufacture and the country of origin, cheating in carat value in gold ornaments and the absence of

proper seals on these ornaments, according to the head of the commercial cheating control section at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Rays Al Tarkeet.

The centre of the department is willing to receive any commercial cheating complaints from purchasers. Shopowners who violate the commercial cheating law are subject to legal action, the official said.

The ministry has issued Kuwaiti obligatory and optional measures to control the import of goods. The Ministry of Public Health and Kuwait Municipality

co-operate in inspecting and testing imported foodstuffs to ensure they meet with local regulations.

Commenting on the last regulation issued by the section Tarkeet said that it was issued in 1987 and was related to the reduction of the percentage of tar and nicotine in cigarettes imported into the country and the change in the warning label on cigarette packets. She added that the regulation prohibits the imports of cigarettes if they do not contain a label stipulating "Health warning: smoking

causes cancer and heart and arteries disease" in Arabic. It also prohibits the imports of cigarettes if they do not show the percentage of tar and nicotine on the packet.

The percentage of tar should not be more than 12 mg and .8 mg of nicotine. The date of production and expiry should also be indicated.

The department is studying problems resulting from cheating in the local market to evolve new restrictions to end this malice, the official said.



Winning kiss

This camel, a winner in the recently held races in Subiya plants a jubilant kiss on his rider's cheek while the other looks away as if to say ... this is a blatant violation of the law. (Picture by Ahmed Burlin)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Liquor trading

AN Egyptian national identified as Abdourouf S. has been arrested on charges of trading in alcohol according to the Ministry of Interior.

Security personnel of Ahmad Governorate who arrested the accused recovered three bottles of liquor from his possession. During interrogation, the accused said that he purchased a carton of Whiskey for KD280 from a Sudanese national.

Investigations are in progress.

Illicit sex

A MAN was sentenced to five years imprisonment for having illicit sexual relations with a 15-year-old girl.

The court was told that the couple made appointments to meet at a room in the house where the girl was employed on several occasions at which time they engaged in sexual activities which resulted in the girl getting pregnant.

The girl was sentenced to one year in prison. Both the accused will be deported on serving their respective sentences.

University death

STUDENTS at the Faculty of Commerce in Udaibiya area were taken back at the sudden death of a man who had entered the faculty at 11 am last Saturday.

According to witnesses the man appeared tired and had breathing difficulties. One of the students tried to help the man and rushed him to the hospital. He was pronounced dead on arrival. The cause of death has been attributed to a heart attack.

ABEDA meeting

KUWAIT, June 25, (KUNA): The board of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (ABEDA) will hold a meeting in Casablanca next October, an ABEDA official source said here today.

The source told KUNA that the board will discuss extending new loans to African countries. The board held its 52nd meeting in Cairo on June 17-19 and agreed to finance three development projects in Africa with \$20 million, the source disclosed.

The source explained that the first loan of four million dollars will be extended to Angola, the second 10 million dollar loan will be for Mozambique and the third 10-million dollar loan is for Benin.

Kuwait needs scientific strategy: Sultan

ECONOMIC progress, military influence as well as the social aspects of any state are based on human resources and the capability of institutions for creation and invention.

Scientific research base and its development constitutes the basic foundation of a nation's potentials in the fields of technical development and its utilisation in different areas, Assistant Director General at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) Dr Yusuf Al Sultan was quoted as saying, in an interview with the local daily.

He added that scientific research plays a significant role in realising economic and social development programmes. Development along these lines requires recruiting and developing human resources, creating appropriate scientific atmosphere, appointing efficient personnel to leading scientific posts, providing necessary dynamism to scientific research administrators and providing adequate funding to scientific institutions for gathering and disseminating scientific data and their publications and bringing about scientific applications.

Requirements

Scientific research requires heavy expenditures and take a long time to integrate and arrive at positive outcomes, Sultan said and added, this requires the setting up of a scientific strategy. He added that relevant strategy, particularly in the developing countries should take into account the requirements of the different sectors in the countries.

He said that scientific research planning as well as rationalisation of scientific resources in the light of the community's needs and in view of the economic and social development plans constitutes an imperative demand which the decision makers in the developing countries should take into consideration.

Speaking of technology transfer, the official said

that the transfer of any type of technology that might be appropriate for a specific era should coincide with the setting up of necessary technology policy which should take into account the economic, social and political circumstances of the community. He added that the technology transfer process is costly and entails the provision of a specialised apparatus in receiving countries to negotiate for the appropriate technology.

He added that some industrial countries dealt with technology transfer as a luxury while technology importers dealt with it as a vehicle for stimulating economic, social and housing problems.

Meanwhile, the official said that the selection, commissioning and application of technology transfer were creating a lot of problems for importing countries, particularly developing ones which suffer illiteracy, the absence of scientific research apparatuses and the industrial base in addition to the absence of clear and well defined scientific policy. Replying to a question on the GCC countries technology Strategy Project, Sultan said that the GCC social development plan aims at varying economic activities to provide another source for national economy and to minimise gradually dependence on oil revenues. This requires the import and utilisation of technology in addition to developing national knowhow.

In the light of the above, the GCC General Secretariat had decided to supervise the financing of technology transfer provided that a detailed survey on the current national technology must be conducted in order to set up the necessary unified technical strategy for the member states. He disclosed that this task had been awarded to Saudi Arabia based King Abdulaziz University for Science and Technology in co-operation with KISR.

He added that the project had been designed to boost the economic pact among the GCC countries and is expected to be completed during 1990.

Duailj leaves for Tunisia

KUWAIT, June 25, (KUNA): Director-General of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duailj today left the country for Tunisia on an official four-day visit.

Sheikh Duailj told KUNA that his visit is at the invitation of Tunisian Agriculture Minister Nouri Zoraghi to get acquainted with agricultural development there.

He said that he will be inspecting several agricultural schemes, particularly reclamation of desert lands in addition to discussing bilateral agricultural co-operation.

The Kuwaiti official indicated that he will later proceed to the United Kingdom to attend London's Royal Agricultural Exhibition.

The international exhibition, Europe's biggest, will display the latest in agriculture and farming technologies.

University renovations not a waste of money: Shamlan

THE minister of Higher Education Dr Ali Abdullah Al Shamlan has said that the current funding of the ongoing renovation of existing university buildings is not a waste of money, as the university will remain Kuwait's number one facility while the proposed new university in Shadadiya and Subiya will be complementary facilities, expected to be ready for use in early 1993.

He told a local newspaper that registration conditions at the university remain the same as before with the same grade rates for Kuwaitis and expatriates.

He said that new acceptance draft policy had been proposed for implementation over the next five years, and that it remained to be considered for endorsement by the university senate early next year.

He added that the acceptance policy employed by Applied Education Institutes would also remain intact, as confirmed by the board of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training at its meeting last week.

The proposed college of pharmacology would be part of the Medical Science Centre, which will incorporate the College of Paramedical Sciences and the Faculty of Medicine, and is hoped to accommodate all students wishing to study this specialisation, the official said.

Shamlan also said that other proposed colleges would include industrial engineering, at the Faculty of Engineering, the Information Department at the Faculty of Arts and the Department of Statistics and Operations Research at the Faculty of Science.

He pointed out that studies were currently under way to turn the Faculty of Arts, Commerce, Economy and Political Science into three different faculties: Faculty of Human Sciences, Faculty of Administrative Science and Faculty of Social Sciences.

He added that a number of Scientific Departments would be redistributed into the three proposed faculties and the relevant academic programmes reconsidered accordingly.

The ongoing renovation of the existing university buildings is intended to raise its accommodation capacity to 20,000 students. The renovation plan includes the construction of additional buildings as well as exterior and interior remodelling of old buildings, Shamlan said.

He said it would also include landscaping existing university sites.

He ruled out the intention to fund the establishment of a private university, and that such a step would be subject to considerable study. He also ruled out the intention to annex the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research into the ministry, and that full co-operation is currently going on between the institute's different scientific divisions with the university's various departments in all fields of research and science.

The ministry is currently considering the code on scholarships in the light of the recommendations and views proposed in the wake of HH the Amir's visit to France and USA and his meetings with Kuwaiti students studying abroad, Shamlan concluded.

Youth must contribute to development: Mazroui

By Bassem Al Qassas

THE need to link development requirements of society and syllabus taught to students at schools and universities has been emphasised by a senior ministry official.

This linkage will contribute to youths positively developing an effective role, Abdul Rahman Al Mazroui, assistant under-secretary at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour said.

The ministry has special well organised programmes for youth and these programmes aim at addressing their needs and requirements. He called for paying greater attention to solve the problem of drug addiction and alcoholism among youth before it reaches dangerous proportions.

Methods

Continuing, he said youth should be directed to contribute to the country's development through scientific methods. To better utilise the time of youths and to keep them away from drugs, alcohol and other forms of addiction, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour is seeking to utilise sport facilities in addition to guiding youth to learn professions and technical handicrafts. The ministry pays special attention to disabled youths, the official said.

Meanwhile the Dean of the Faculty of Education of Kuwait University Dr Abdul Rahman Al Ahmad has said that educational curriculum of the public educational system in Kuwait do not achieve most aims because they focus on obtaining information and ignore developing skills and abilities of children.

There is no continuity in the plan to develop standards of teachers, Ahmad said. He criticised the absence of programmes to Kuwaitise teaching staff in all educational stages to cope with trends of the coming Five-Year-Plan. He also criticised the exams system for focusing on the quantity of knowledge without giving consideration to quality and other educational aims.

Standards

Commenting on ways to develop educational standards in Kuwait, Ahmad said that the educational system can be developed by diagnosing weak points in public education.

He added that we can benefit from studies made by the Kuwait Foundation for Advancement of Science (KFAS) in 1985 on developing public education in Kuwait. "Undertaking evaluation studies of the public education system (teaching staff and curricula as well as pupils) can also help in developing public education," Ahmad said.

He called for amending the present examination system by treating all subjects as basic subjects. He recommended the establishment of a "Question Bank" for different subjects from which teachers could draw on in relation to the type of questions, the time factor involved and the level of difficulty of the questions in relation to grading answers.

Ahmad called for developing co-operation between relevant authorities (university, Ministry of Education, Public Authority for Applied Education and Training) to develop and strengthen the educational systems in the country.

Sacrificial meat distribution

KUWAIT, June 25, (KUNA): The Kuwait Zakat House today announced that this year's distribution of sacrificial meat outside Kuwait will cover 13 Arab and Islamic countries.

Director of the house's foreign distribution department Abdullah Al Haider told KUNA that those countries were selected in view of their economic hardships as a result of poverty, famine, floods and wars.

He underlined that the Zakat House is launching the project for the seventh year running to deepen fraternal and spiritual ties between the people of Kuwait and world Muslims.

Haider said that the prices of slaughtering lambs vary from one country to another and pointed

Women eager to join armed forces

Traditions main bottleneck

HOW do Kuwaiti women overall define their thinking on the issue of their joining and being dedicated to the services of the armed forces, police and customs like their counterparts in several Arab countries was the topic of an interview conducted by a local daily.

Hanadi Abdullah Al Haji said that the Civil Defence was on the verge of recruiting Kuwaiti women, when for undisclosed reasons, this decision was held in abeyance. "We really are at a loss to understand if Kuwait appreciates the services of women or not" she said. She added that she hoped a law is enacted which facilitates recruiting of women in the armed forces, police and customs.

"Considering the fact that the number of Kuwaiti men is not large, we hope one of these days Civil Defence will open its doors to accept women," Haji said. "We will do our best alongside men to serve our country," she added.

Bottlenecks

She went on to say that she believes that Kuwaiti traditions and the manner in which these traditions are presently being interpreted are the main "bottlenecks" for not facilitating women to join these services. Added to these factors is the non-encouraging attitude displayed by Kuwaiti families towards Kuwaiti women joining these professions, either because of long absence outside the house or because of mixing with the other sex.

Wafa Al Mudhaf believed that Kuwaiti women can and should contribute significantly in these fields if they are provided with adequate training and are permitted to take up arms in the defence and police forces. Since women were gainfully employed in fields such as telecommunications, computers and commerce, Mudhaf said she saw no reason why defence, police or customs could not employ and benefit from the services of Kuwaiti women.

Responsibilities

She called upon the government to establish a women's police or military academy. Women are very capable and have intuitive qualities which could well serve in these fields, she added.

Salwa Mohammed Al Ojail supported the issue of women taking part in these fields. However, she said that married women cannot go on weapons and fighting technique programmes as they have other responsibilities which are represented in taking care of their children, husbands and family needs.

If the concept is implemented, the number of women participants will gradually increase with time and the breaking down of family resistance to such employment, Ojail said.

Majdah Al Matrook stated that women are kind hearted and will not bear witness to bloodshed and killing. Consequently, they are not mentally qualified to serve in these fields which quite often call for strength in combat.

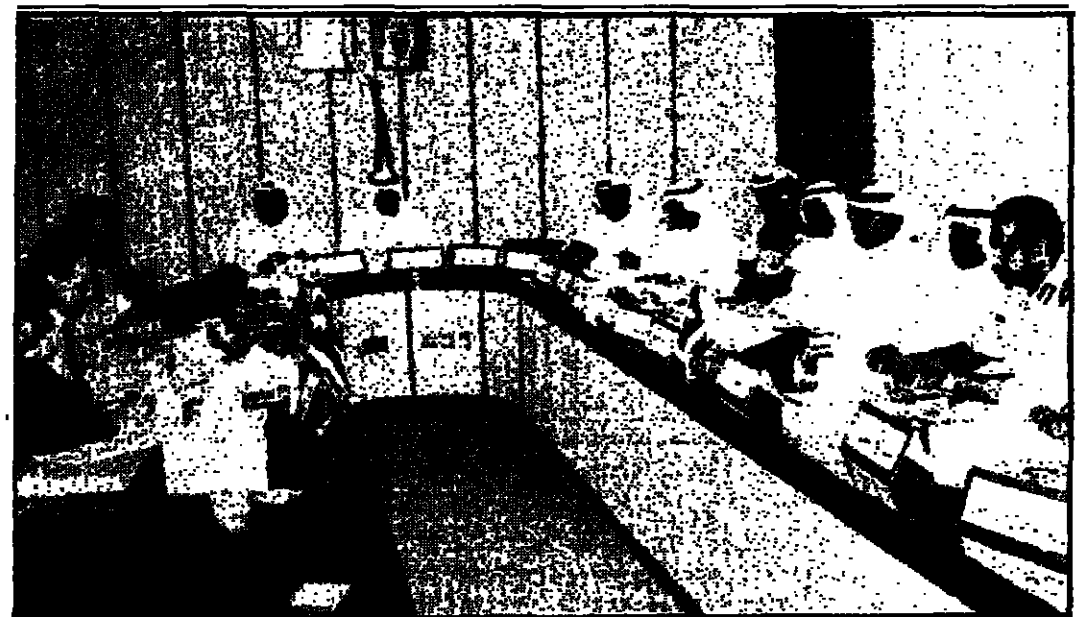
She added that she does not support the cause and that she will not participate if this system is implemented. But, if there were extenuating circumstances, she said that she would not hesitate to participate.

Participation

Maryam Al Matrook said that Kuwaiti women have become accustomed to live a luxurious life and, therefore, are now unable to participate in hard work. The participation of women in these fields in other Arab countries proves that traditions existing there are different than those in Kuwait, she added.

Salem Al Shimari who is a retired employee said that if there is a necessity to recruit girls, it is a priority that they should participate in other activities such as nursing, and office work. Shimari said that he will not prevent his daughter or granddaughter from participating in the police force — either in traffic or administrative work. He pointed out that the Army is a different aspect, because training camps are semi-isolated and training is rigorous.

Haj Abdullah Mohammed another 60-year-old retired person expressed willingness to offer himself along with his daughter and sons in the defence of his country. He considered the defence of the country as a national duty which every free woman and man should gladly offer.



Transportation talks

KUWAIT and Jordan opened here yesterday talks on fostering land transport co-operation with officials on both sides voicing interest in such a step at the inaugural session.

Kuwait Communications Assistant Under-secretary for Transport Affairs Saqar Al Sodan wished the conferees success in their mission to further strengthen fraternity and co-operation between the two countries.

Noting that the meetings coronate the two governments' wish of overcoming all difficulties impeding development of their co-operation in various

spheres, Sodan said that they constitute a fresh link in the series of constant co-operation between them in transport and communication fields.

Jordanian chief delegate Nassim Sami Al Ahmad thanked the Kuwaiti Communications Ministry for responding to the call for concluding an agreement on movement of passengers and transport and transiting traffic between the two countries.

He hoped that the discussions would end in approving the draft agreement to be later tabled with their respective government for final endorsement.

Municipality amends shed licensing regulations

KUWAIT Municipality has recently revised the law governing the licences of sheds. The new amendment permits each citizen to build four sheds of 18 square metres each, instead of the previous authorisation permitting construction of two sheds of 36 square metres each, according to an official source.

Owners of illegal sheds were given three months to redress the position of such sheds. However, the municipality has for the time being stopped granting licences for establishing new sheds along the highways in order to avert traffic accidents, the director of Control and Follow Up Department at Kuwait Municipality, Haider Ismael said.

The Municipality Committee had set up several criteria for establishing sheds in residential areas in accordance with Kuwait Municipality specifications. Licences of each shed should be issued by the Construction Department at the Municipality, the official said.

Afforestation

The deputy director at Roads Engineering Department, Akram Abbas was quoted as saying that the municipality is encouraging the policy of making Kuwait green and spares no efforts in providing all necessary facilities to citizens.

The official warned against violating regulations governing the organising of gardens. Any infringement will affect the other services and utilities such as electricity, water and telephone connection, he said.

He added that the municipality had empowered its centres in different areas to give necessary licences for establishing gardens and sheds provided that it is carried out in accordance with the conditions and legal procedures followed by Kuwait Municipality.

Communications announcement

AN additional 20,000 lines have been added to the Farwaniya Telephone Exchange making it possible to extend these services to applicants.

Persons desiring to have the telephone service at this area can call upon the exchange.

The Ministry of Communications in making this announcement yesterday, added that the exchange has the capability to install 50 lines daily and added that the exchange has 650 applications whose owners have not yet turned up to complete procedures.

Battery plant

RIVADH, June 25, (Reuter): American chemical giant Union Carbide is forming a joint venture with the National Industrialisation Company (NIC) to build a car battery factory in Saudi Arabia. NIC sources said.

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Thought for today

THE United Nations was set up not to get us to heaven, but only to save us from hell. — Sir Winston Churchill, British statesman (1874-1965).

Ghost haunts NATO alliance

Will W. Germany and USSR make a deal?

By Richard C. Hottelet

ONE of the ghosts that haunt the Western alliance, clanking the chains of Europe's past, is the fear that West Germany could upset everything by making a deal with the Soviet Union.

The logic is quite direct. In 1945 the Red Army overran nearly half of pre-war Germany. Stalin seized the northeast tip and gave much of the rest to Poland as compensation for the Polish eastern provinces that he also annexed. In what remained of East Germany, the Kremlin set up a communist state, separating it from the West by barbed wire, mine fields, and watchtowers.

The Western powers had neither the will nor the means to prevent this. The logical conclusion for many Germans, and for Western friends nervously watching them, has therefore been that Moscow alone can restore the German national unity which it had disrupted. The main question seems to be what Soviet terms could be irresistible: neutrality, disarmament — or even territorial rectification, whose mere speculative possibility in this parlour game causes Poland special anguish.

When American and British troops entered Berlin on July 3, 1945, two months after the Red Army, they found small wooden signboards at most of the major intersections. Affixed with little red flags, they bore the message: "History teaches that Hitler came and go but the German people and the German state remain — J.V. Stalin." Nothing so conciliatory was seen in the West at that time.

Moscow was neatly working both sides of the policy path. In the West, it raised goose flesh and rekindled abhorrence by spreading and falsehood that Hitler had survived and was plotting anew. In Germany, the Soviets swept Hitler under the rug in order to revive and capitalise on a relationship that goes way back.

For 40 years, as the western Federal Republic of Germany became a good European, the eastern German Democratic Republic presented itself as the expression of German nationalism. Prussian patriots who made common cause with Russia against Napoleon were glorified. The statue of Frederick the Great is long since back on Unter den Linden.

The German-Russian connection is centuries old and broadly based, as might be expected of high-powered neighbours. They have also had their violent fallings out. In 1917, trapped in a two-front war, the German leaders sought to knock out Russia once and for all with a political virus. Lenin was shipped in a train of the German general staff from Switzerland through Germany to the Baltic ferry on route to Petrograd and the Bolshevik revolution. The Draconian peace treaty of Brest-Litovsk followed but held only until Germany itself collapsed.

The Treaty of Versailles paradoxically brought Moscow and Berlin together again. The vindictive, shortsighted demands of this peace, which the United States refused to ratify, excluded the USSR and were imposed on Germany. The Weimar Republic and the Kremlin, both pariahs, reached out to each other. The vestigial German Reichswehr of 100,000 men, de-fanged for modern war, arranged with the Russians to develop tanks, heavy artillery, aircraft, and poison gas weapons in the USSR.

On Easter Sunday, April 16, 1922, they signed a treaty at Rapallo, Italy, that has been ever since a buzz-word to signify a German turn toward Russia. The treaty, normalising their official relations, was much less significant as fact than as a symbol of their freedom of action outside the straitjacket of Versailles. And it did not keep Moscow over the next year and more from trying by every means, including armed revolution by German communists, to overthrow the Weimar Republic.

The last 40 years suggest that it is possible to learn from history. To be sure, Stalin made it easy for the West not to try another Versailles. He so wildly overplayed his hand that he left Britain, France, and the US no choice but to build democracy in Germany on their own. For this they needed the co-operation of the German people, which brought to the fore leaders like Konrad Adenauer.

Already an old man, Adenauer distilled the experience of his lifetime in one clear principle: Germany cannot find security and peace as an independent power centre. Bonn is not Weimar, let alone Hitler's Reich. It must not try to be more than part of a larger, democratic European whole.

View

Adenauer's view prevailed. Not easily and unanimously, but against Soviet efforts to break the Federal Republic's ties with the West, and against the misgivings of those Germans who have looked eastward for reunification.

Now, Mikhail Gorbachev — speaking of "our common European house," announcing unilateral cuts in Soviet forces in Eastern Europe, and urging sweeping reduction of conventional as well as nuclear arms — seems to be talking sense. The cost of defence is heavy, the need for it apparently less compelling. Why, without breaking ties with the West, should the Federal Republic not trade the military alliance for German unity?

Most Germans see that the Soviet Union is not making this concrete offer today any more than in the past. Beyond that, changing times have altered the underlying equation. It is not given that Moscow alone can restore unity for whatever price it sets. Eastern Europe and the USSR themselves provide the clue. Not only are liberal ideas undermining the old Marxist dogma, but the East increasingly needs Western economic help. Not that there is any question of paying ransom for East Germany. Rather, the outlines of a new East-West relationship, inconceivable five years ago, are becoming visible. In this evolving pattern there is no place for captive nations.

Any Germany desire to sell Western security for national unity is less realistic now than ever. As change in the East ripens, the dangerous temptation for the Germans and their allies is artificially to hasten the inevitable outcome and provoke the Russian bear. He still has fangs and claws.

1989, The Christian Science Monitor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1541 — Francisco Pizarro, Spanish conqueror, is slain in Lima, Peru.
- 1549 — The 17 provinces of the Netherlands are declared independent of Holy Roman Empire.
- 1714 — Spain and Holland sign peace of Utrecht.
- 1812 — Polish Diet declares Poland independent, but Napoleon Bonaparte refuses to accept decision.
- 1858 — Treaty of Tientsin ends war between Britain and China, whereby China opens additional ports to British commerce and legalizes opium trade.
- 1937 — Britain's Duke of Windsor weds Mrs Wallis Warfield Simpson in France.
- 1945 — Charter establishing United Nations is signed in San Francisco, California, by 50 nations.
- 1960 — Madagascar proclaims its independence as the Malagasy republic; British Somaliland becomes independent.
- 1962 — United States declares it will not support any attempt by Chinese Nationalists for Formosa to land forces on China mainland.
- 1964 — Roman Catholic church and Spain's government say they have reached basic agreements on proposed legislation to grant legal recognition and certain rights to Spain's Protestants.
- 1970 — Alexander Dubcek is expelled from Czechoslovak Communist Party.
- 1987 — At least 50,000 Tamils chanting "Save us from massacre" greet arrival in Sri Lanka of two Indian ships loaded with relief supplies.
- 1988 — Soviet Jews gather on Moscow street to demand right to emigrate, but police take away their leader within minutes.

The fight now is for power, not religion

Afghans think twice about old enmities

By Kathleen Callio



This Afghan boy lost his leg in a bomb attack at age 9.

SAID YAHYA was watering his garden after dawn on Friday, the Muslim holy day when the rocket hit.

Flying shrapnel killed the 45-year-old government chauffeur, tore his saplings from the ground and gouged deep scars throughout his two-storey house.

A few streets away, in the Khair Khanna district of the Afghan capital, Nadara Sher lost his 22-year-old bride when she stepped outside for a breath of air.

The shopkeeper said rockets like the one that killed his wife, fired by mujahedeen commandos from hills surrounding Kabul, had made residents sick of war and ready to forget past idealistic support for the rebels.

"Before in Afghanistan, it was a religious war, a war for Islamic goals," he said, standing in front of his house as mourning women covered from head to toe in traditional Muslim capes, fluttered past him through the gate.

"Today it is no longer a religious war. The fight now is over power."

A nine-year occupation by Soviet troops united many Afghans in their deep dislike for Kabul's Moscow-backed government.

Since Soviet troops completed their withdrawal last February, the government of President Najibullah has tried to show a friendlier face, and a growing number of Afghans are beginning to lend a cautious ear.

"There is a certain phenomenon after years of war," one Western relief worker said. "People just get so weary of it, they are ready to accept things or people they refused to deal with before."

It is hard to find residents in Kabul, a city of two million tucked in a valley among rugged mountain ranges, who say they like the 42-year-old President. The mujahedeen — or "holy warriors" — hold the former head of Afghanistan's secret police largely responsible for more than one million lives lost during 10 years of bloodshed. But he is beginning to win some praise from unlikely circles.

In the last few months, he has urged peace talks with the commandos and called for elections to bring to power a broad-based government.

In mid-June he held an unprecedented meeting with teachers at Kabul University, where faculty and students are known for anti-government sentiment and support for the mujahedeen.

The professors were surprised when Najibullah urged them to criticise his administration.

"We give you a good grade on your foreign policy," one academic told him. "On domestic policy, we give you a zero."

Another teacher told Najibullah he should step down and give way to a coalition government.

"It was the first time there was such a frank exchange between the president and university people," admitted one professor, who said he had

always hated the government. "It was really very impressive."

When Soviet forces withdrew, the United States and most Western countries closed their embassies and predicted the commandos would overthrow Najibullah within days.

He has held on and seems to be gaining ground in a public relations war against the United States and Pakistan, which continued to arm the mujahedeen. "People are gradually realising the national character of the regime and now want national tradition of our country," Najibullah told provincial military commanders on June 22.

He says his government, which receives huge military support from Moscow, wants peace. He accuses Washington and Islamabad of being "warmongers."

It is a message stated repeatedly by government officials to a small group of Western reporters in Kabul.

The mayor of Kabul, Major-General Mohammad Hakim, says rocket attacks are eroding support for the commandos.

"Among the masses, (the mujahedeen) are losing their reputation. Before, there was a kind of sympathy," he told reporters last week.

Support

Hakim, a former provincial Army commander, said the government had won support by ending the Soviet presence, deeply resented by the fiercely independent Afghans, and talking about peace and reconciliation. "They like us better now," he said.

About five to 10 commando rockets fall on the capital each day, a small number compared to a few months ago. On Friday, Kabul was bombarded with 28.

Civilian deaths have led even some diehard mujahedeen supporters to question their heroes' fighting tactics.

"I like the mujahedeen but I don't like what they're doing," said one young working man whose two brothers are commandos. "Why do the rockets fall on people's houses? Why don't they fire them on government buildings?"

The seven Pakistan-based mujahedeen groups and another eight based in Iran have proven so far incapable of fighting a unified battle. They have failed over four months to take the eastern cities Jalalabad and Khost, and the southern town Kandahar, where they had hoped to set up a rebel government.

In the meantime, Najibullah is trying to muster international sympathy and woo back foreign embassies.

He is lavishing praise on his armed forces, which suffered low morale and high desertion rates during the Soviet military presence, and is also urging commanders to upgrade training.

"He has shown he is in charge and he seems to be getting more popular — or at least less unpopular — among the people," the Western relief worker said. (Kabul — Reuters)

Analysis

Soviet-Iran detente: both sides gain

WILL Rafsanjani be able to defend the strategic decision he has committed himself to by making Iran part of the Soviet arms machine until the year 2000? And, how will it reflect America's sphere of influence in the Middle East and Latin America — though it has verbally objected to Iran entering the Soviet security orbit?

These were among the first questions asked this week by analysts who were busy trying to evaluate the results of the visit by the speaker of Iranian parliament, Rafsanjani to Moscow.

During the visit, both Soviet and Iranian leaders, Gorbachev and Rafsanjani seemed to be willing to take a morale-boosting decision to crown Rafsanjani as the next Iranian president even before the scheduled Iranian presidential elections.

The huge moral and material results of the Rafsanjani visit, have been equally divided personally by both Soviet and Iranian leaders, leaving many sides to analyse and speculate the long term consequences of the multi-purpose deal.

Benefitted

Both leaders have personally benefitted from the visit. Until recently, Rafsanjani had been tipped as the man of the West in Iran, but now he is leading the extremists group in the Iranian regime who are of the opinion that any internal stability in Iran is directly linked with an open relation with Moscow — a fact attributed by this group to the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

As is the case with Third World countries, personalities with ambitions of power usually find that the most assured way to succeed is

their attachment to the Soviet Union. After they establish themselves well in power, they may start looking elsewhere, but only after their countries' military, economic and production establishments become closely attached to socialist methods.

Rafsanjani's hardline nature started appearing in February this year, and reached its climax by getting the absolute support from the Soviet Union in fulfilling his ambitions for the presidency. Gorbachev, who knows that his country's oil reserves will be depleted by 1992, has now found an important source not only for oil, but for natural gas, which will be pumped through the European pipeline, thus ensuring the flow of foreign currency that his country's economy badly needs.

While the economic results of the visit won't materialise for two or three years, the political results will be reaped by the Soviet Union immediately. The Soviet leadership is still suffering from the aftermath of the Afghan war, internal ethnic troubles in some Soviet republics, in addition to several economic problems. With the deal the Soviets have made with Iran, they can now claim an important strategic victory of international stature.

According to close observers, Rafsanjani and Gorbachev will personally divide the results of their deal. Both got what they may describe as a moral victory. Based upon this conclusion, both Gorbachev and Rafsanjani did not find any reason why they should renew or abrogate the old defence pact between the two countries signed in the early part of this century.

The arms deal arrived at between the two

countries exceeds in its duration, the limits of this century. Thus for the first time in its history, Iran will move from depending on the West for its arms and economy, to the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc.

Al Seyassah has learnt that Rafsanjani will shortly pay an official visit to Bulgaria to sign a 20-year long economic agreement. The agreement will cover rebuilding the Iranian armed forces and involvement in the Iranian weaponry projects. It is quite evident that Moscow's allies, (Czechoslovakia, North Korea and Bulgaria) will carry out the largest portion of the agreement, while Moscow will temporarily supply Iran with Scud missiles and T-55 and T-72 tanks. With this, the Soviet Union will be able to answer the criticism voiced two days ago by the US Secretary of State.

Despite that, well informed observers still see that the Iranian step did not come as a surprise to Washington, though it issued several angry statements. Washington is still confident that its bargain on Rafsanjani is holding. The US also realises that Rafsanjani can not reach the helm of power in post-Khomeini Iran if he remains attached to his liberal, pro-West views. Thus, Washington thinks that there is no harm if Rafsanjani adopts, for the time being, a hardline policy and establishes strong ties with the Soviet Union, thus enabling him to strengthen his position as supreme Iranian leader. But the observers are still wondering what will be the price the US will get in exchange for the Soviet-Iran deal. Will the American influence wane in the Middle East or Latin America? (Al Seyassah, Amman Bureau)

US worried about Soviet-Iran rapprochement

Moscow moving into political vacuum

By Christopher Hanson

THE Bush administration is worried about the increasing ties between the Soviet Union and Iran, but can do little to draw Tehran into the Western camp.

After years of hostility, the Soviet Union and Iran signed a declaration of intent last Thursday to expand economic and military co-operation.

The pact, which private Iran-watchers considered highly significant, also ruled out the use of force in settling disputes and called for exchanges of religious figures between the Soviet Union, which has about 40 million Muslims, and Iran, an Islamic republic.

A senior State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, accused Moscow of returning to a cold war habit of exploiting Western difficulties.

"The Soviet approach to Iran is kind of a reversion to type — it's a revision to an earlier attitude of 'let's take advantage'," he said.

Moscow appeared to be moving into a political vacuum resulting from Iran's estrangement from the West, and especially the United States which protected Iraqi shipping from Iranian attacks during the Iran-Iraq war.

Shireen Hunter, an Iran expert at the private centre for Strategic and International Studies, said Moscow could gain considerable influence.

Leverage

She said increased leverage in Moscow would help Moscow put pressure on key US ally Pakistan and could give it more influence in Afghanistan, where the Soviet-backed government is fighting US-backed guerrillas.

During the Iran-Iraq war, Hunter was among those warning that US naval action against Iran could drive Tehran into the Soviet camp. Speaking on the day the Soviet-Iranian pact was signed, she said that Washington had never fully understood that it risked forging a Soviet-Iranian tie that could endanger US interests.

Robert Hunter, a former White House adviser on Middle East policy, said Washington had passed up an opportunity to ease hostilities with Iran after the Gulf war ended last year.

"It was strategic blindness. We missed the boat," he said. "Now the radical, pro-Soviet faction in Iran has prevailed over the pragmatic pro-Western faction."

Robert Neumann, a former ambassador to Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia, said: "America is in danger of being isolated if it does not get into the game."

State Department officials were less quick to conclude American interests were at risk, but said there was little Washington could do.

The Bush administration has said any improvement in relations will require that Tehran renounce terrorism and use its influence to help free US hostages held by pro-Iran groups in Lebanon.

"I would hope that the Soviets, as they struggle up in Tehran, remember that there are a number of substantial problems with hostages that they need to be talking about," the senior State Department official said.

But he doubted Moscow would do anything to free the captives.

Moreover, lingering US anger over anti-American rhetoric and the 1979-81 hostage crisis, when 52 Americans were held in Iran 444 days, makes an early rapprochement all but impossible, Shireen Hunter said.

The Iran-Contra affair, in which former president Ronald Reagan's presidency was shaken by an abortive arms-for-hostages deal with US officials held by the Bush administration to tread cautiously, would move slowly. One State Department expert said Moscow could not become too close to Tehran without angering Arab states hostile to Iran.

Neumann noted that the chief market for Iran's oil remains the West and Tehran would have to end its isolation from Western countries if it wanted to improve its economic position and buy new technology.

But, Neumann said, Iran could seek more ties with Western Europe, as well as Japan, while remaining hostile to the United States. (Reuter — Washington)

Red run fund

LONDON, June 25, (Agencies): China's senior leaders spirited an escape fund amounting to £50 million (\$77.5 million) to bank accounts in Hong Kong, Switzerland and elsewhere as insurance had their crackdown on the pro-democracy revolt gone wrong, a London newspaper reported today.

The Sunday Express, quoting an unidentified "top Chinese bank official" and "another source in China," also said a Chinese Air Force plane had been put on standby along with an escort of MIG fighter jets, to take them out of the country.

In another article, former president Richard Nixon, warned in the Sunday Times that the West should be careful not to shut the door on China despite its revolution at the crackdown and executions.

Although they had managed to crush the pro-democracy movement, the Sunday Express said the leadership started spiriting £50 million (\$77.5 million) out of the country as the crowds in Beijing swelled to millions.

"The leadership, including supreme leader Deng Xiaoping, Premier Li Peng and President Yang Shangkun, was convinced the United States would give them sanctuary to curtail bloodshed — just as president Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines was allowed to live in Hawaii. They also knew they would be welcomed by Russia," the paper said.

"Most Western officials said (at the time of the demonstrations) the officials were 'dithering' and unable to make a decision. But one reason was they needed a full two weeks to deposit the massive amounts of cash — in numbered Swiss accounts, in accounts with false names in Hong Kong, or scattered around the world," the Sunday Express said.

If said the Chinese leaders knew that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and President Bush had just made friendly visits to Beijing and were "a telephone call" away if needed.

"Until last night, none of the 50 million had been returned to Beijing," it added.

With hundreds of arrests under its belt in a crackdown on dissent among students and workers, China's leadership today turned the spotlight on erring members of the Communist Party itself.

State television gave prominence throughout the day to a meeting of the party's central commission for discipline inspection. It signalled a widespread purge of supporters in the 47-million strong party of its ousted leader Zhao Ziyang.

The session, held in secret yesterday and announced only a day later, issued a communique urging severe penalties including expulsion from the party for members who took the wrong line on nearly two months of protest-led pro-democracy protests in Beijing and other cities.

Zhao, who led the reformist wing of the party, was fired yesterday for being too soft on the students. Party members across the country were called on to study the official justification for the move.

The commission session, chaired by Qiao Shi, the party security overlord and a member of the top six-member politburo standing committee, as convened to initiate action against the many party members who had concurred with Zhao's call for tolerance of the demonstrations or in some cases even supported them.

China's mighty propaganda machine moved today to justify the ouster of Zhao and reinforce the supremacy of the party in the face of "counterrevolutionary rebellion."

"The Communist Party is the party to fight for the interests of the people," the official People's Daily (Renmin Ribao) said in an editorial today.

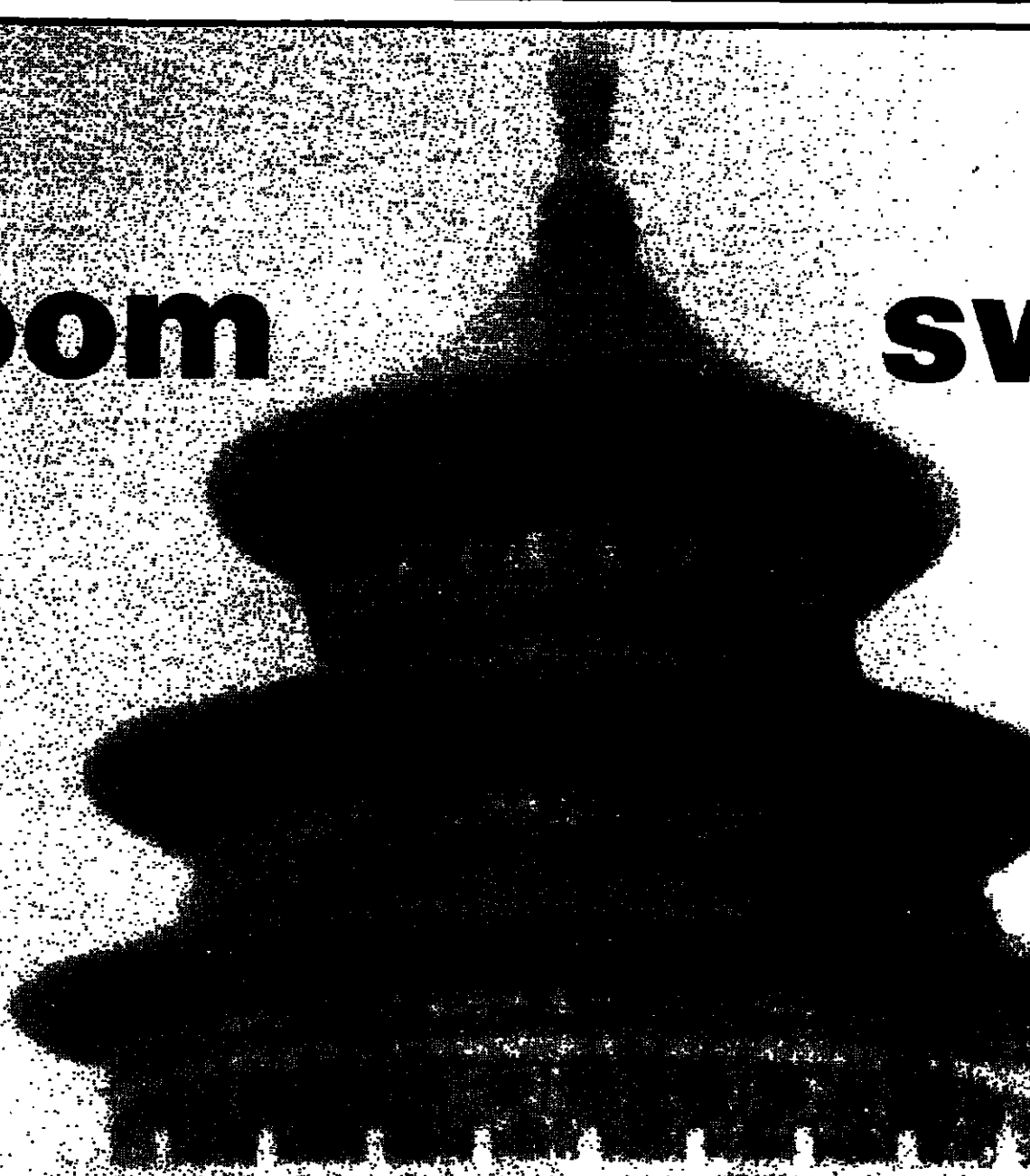
An Associated Press photograph of a lone man defying a column of tanks on Beijing's Tiananmen Square won a photo of the year award today given by a jury of Italian editors and photographers.

The Chia Sardinia prize usually rewards Italian journalists but the jury decided to make an exception for Jeff Widener's photo.

Two major Scandinavian newspapers have awarded their "Freedom Prize" to professor Fang Lizhi, a prominent Chinese dissident who has taken refuge in the US embassy in Beijing, it was announced in Stockholm today.

Broom

sweeps clean



Standing committee

Following the ouster of Zhao Ziyang as the general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, the central committee has appointed a six-member politburo standing committee. The members are: top (left to right) — Jiang Zemin, Li Nuluan, Song Ping. Bottom (L to R) — Qiao Shi, Li Peng and Yao Yilin. (Reuters wirephoto)

BEIJING, June 25, (AP) — Jiang Zemin, the new leader of the world's largest Communist Party, has vowed to open China's economic doors to the outside world but taken a tough stance on political dissent at home.

Jiang, 62, yesterday was named general secretary of the 47-million-member Communist Party of China, succeeding Zhao Ziyang, who was ousted for disavowing the party's hardline on the pro-democracy student movement.

Jiang's selection to the nation's most powerful post surprised many China watchers, although he unquestionably has the experience, and the right political stance, for the job. He is party secretary of Shanghai, China's largest city, and a member of the 17-member politburo, the party's top decision-making body.

From 1985 until last year he was mayor of Shanghai, and aggressively promoted it as a financial and foreign investment centre while tackling the daunting transportation and housing problems faced by 12 million inhabitants.

"Jiang is a highly energetic and determined leader," said one senior Chinese official. "He has a strong sense of responsibility and a very strong sense of mission."

Among the top priorities he brought to Shanghai was the Shanghai International Chinese Investment Fair, which drew more than 100,000 visitors and resulted in a number of major foreign investments in the city.

His reputation as a reformer was further solidified by his role in the Shanghai Pudong New Area development project, which aimed to transform the area into a modern financial and commercial district.



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A 24-year-old civil servant, who asked to be identified only as Mr. Chan, took a day off to go to the consulate.

"Since the massacre, I've lost confidence in China," he said. "I worry about my daughter and fear we'll lose freedom under communism."

Many of the ethnic Chinese seeking to emigrate from Hong Kong come from families that once saw the liberal British colony as a safe haven from China's instability.

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minister of electronics industry and in 1985 returned to Shanghai as mayor and deputy secretary of the party committee.

In 1986, during student demonstrations in Shanghai, he went to his university and spotted a poster with Chinese-language excerpts from the Gettysburg address. Jiang surprised students by reciting in English from the speech, which was written by civil war-era US President Abraham Lincoln.

But he told students they only knew the words and not the essence of the speech.

The source in Hong Kong said Jiang has limited understanding of Russian. According to official profiles, Jiang also reads Romanian, French and Japanese and is fond of music and literature.

Scared Hong Kong residents scramble to leave

HONG KONG, June 25, (AP) — The steady stream of people emigrating from this British colony before the Chinese takeover in 1997 may turn into a flood because of Beijing's harsh crackdown on dissent.

Many of Hong Kong's 5.7 million people were worried about 1997 even before troops crushed pro-democracy demonstrators June 3-4 in Beijing. The massacre and Beijing's subsequent campaign of intimidation and mass arrests has raised the anxiety level dramatically.

A newspaper poll published Friday said nearly two-thirds of the colony's population wants to stay in Hong Kong after the Chinese take over. But those who want to leave are still a huge number.

In recent weeks, residents have besieged consulates of Western nations in desperate bids to obtain new passports. For the first time, significant numbers of people are considering moves to "secondary destinations" such as Singapore and Malaysia and even Belize and Jamaica.

Jamaica's business migration programme drew scant interest before the Beijing massacre, but since then up to 20 people a day have inquired about it at the Jamaican consulate. To qualify for a passport, a person must invest \$100,000 in a Jamaican project or put it in a Jamaican bank.

"They say they're really scared about the future of Hong Kong," said Ada Sin, the consulate's economic development officer. "They want a kind of

insurance."

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entire month of May, said John Berry, the consulate's principal immigration officer. The New Zealand consulate reported immigration inquiries rose sixfold.

Applications for British dependent territory passports have sharply increased, although these documents do not allow settlement in Britain. The approximately 3.25 million Hong Kong residents born in the territory are entitled to the passports.

Immigration department spokesman Stephen Chan said 15,146 people applied for the passports from June 1-15, an increase of 77 per cent over June 1988. The long lines have forced the department to limit the number of applications each day.



Children's party

There was fun and laughter at the Kuwait International Hotel's children's party being held every Friday. Puppet shows, video games, swimming competitions and a huge Kiddie Castle kept the children entertained all day. The height of the show was when Kermit, Fozzie Bear, Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Panda Bear and many more cartoon characters appeared to dance and prance with the children. The show was also sponsored by Al Alamiyah Electrical Company, Al Mahmoud Trading Co., Shuwaikh Electrical Company, Asia Electro and Mechanical Company, Al Khaleej Fruit Show and International Popular Company.

INDIAN VIDEO ROUND UP

Jungbaaz junk

By Fatima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

Is Jungbaaz a myth or a legend? Neither. It's simply a case of a group of nuts going berserk in the hills, on the plains and in palaces once occupied by Maharajas. Jungbaaz (War mongers?) is one of those movies which has everyone fighting everyone else after an average interval of 15 minutes. Brawls erupt like a bad case of hiccoughs; fighting never ceases. They battle in court, in the skies, on the mountains, in the palaces and on tree tops and, in keeping with a recent trend, they come out of the good earth like caterpillars on rampage. Only one formula is conspicuously missing: the rape sequence. One has to thank the filmmaker for small mercies.

All this takes place in a legal background because the "blind lady of the law" has shut her eyes to the mayhem surrounding her. Who can blame her? We feel like doing the same each time Mahakal, Krishan Prasad, Arjun or one Mahakal's henchmen come on the scene.

Mahakal (Danny Denzongpa) wears black and has a dark side that he exposes in every single frame. "I wear black, think black and give black shrouds to people to kill," he declares. Undoubtedly, he is the evil force.

The good is represented by two stereotypes — lawyer Krishan Prasad (Raj Kumar) and hot-headed Arjun (Govinda). Both are caught in an unconvincing web of intrigue.

The screenplay, written by Nusrat Sayeed, is a hotch-potch of several movies, old and new, too numerous to list here with traces of Aaj Ki Awaaz, Andha Kanoon and similar movies.

Jungbaaz' vendetta revolves



Raj Kumar

around meaningless violence, nurtured on hatred and contrived coincidences. Stagey, exaggerated killings make you squirm.

There are stunts galore in Jungbaaz; helicopter stunts and all kinds of stunts. One that might interest you shows how Krishan Prasad hooks an automobile on a giant magnet and transports it, with the occupant, to his impregnable mansion, supposedly, in the hills. Incidentally, the lawyer's mansion is the Lalita Mahal Palace, a palace-turned-hotel on the outskirts of Mysore in Karnataka state. An aerial view of the palace, perhaps, the most beautiful sight in Jungbaaz.

Jungbaaz seems to glorify stunts; perhaps if it were peo-

pled with stuntmen and stuntwomen, we may have enjoyed it. Actors with bloated egos performing them seem like fish out of water. For example, Raj Kumar playing the stuck-up lawyer with a stiff upper lip; or Danny mouthing innuendoes.

Govinda, who has reportedly signed 50 films, seems to flit in and out like a performing robot, singing, dancing or fighting, whatever the case may be. Mandakini frequently changes the colour of her eyes and her costumes, whether she is the college girl Sangeeta or the cabaret dancer from Singapore.

Even the villains are not as nasty as the ones in previous movies; in Jungbaaz the Maha Kaal gang suffers from the repetitive syndrome, and can't keep their bad spirits up and come up with a subdued performance.

The flashback technique, used once too often, also plays havoc with the nerves.

Escapist fare can go so far and no further, particularly if you want it to make it believable. Jungbaaz is a notoriously off the track venture, neither entertaining nor enlightening. Its boring with a capital B. Those of you who enjoy seeing the heroes and villains brawl on the streets, in the hills, on the roads and in the den might like Jungbaaz. On second thoughts, watch Chatran instead, the tale of a lovable cat and her adventures in the hills.

Chatran by Hrishikesh Mukherjee is a children's film about a cat and her family, and how she survives in the wilderness, an appealing portrait of wildlife. Much acclaimed by critics in India, it was recently released on video. At least, we have no villains to contend with.

The above movies are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya, Tel: 471-2900, and Falcon Video, Abbasiya Tel: 431-6398.



Mandakini

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St. Sadu House

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

FILMS

British Council

JUNE 28 (6 pm), June 29 (10.30 am): Care Bears — the Gift of Caring, a children's film, will be shown. Children can join the caring bears of Care-A-Lot in five fully animated stories: "The Gift of Caring, Desert Gold, The Magic Lamp, Bright Heart's Bad Day and The Wrath of Shreeky. Admission is free. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

MUSIC

Octave musical

JUNE 29: Due to public demand, Octave musical group repeats Indian musical programme at 7.30 pm at IAC auditorium. A show with a difference.

SOCIAL

Mango Festival

JUNE 27: A mango festival will be held at Al Fintas, 16th floor, Meridian Hotel, Pakistan Ambassador Zahid Saeed will open the festival, organised by the hotel in co-operation with Shama International and PIA.

KAPILKU meeting

JUNE 28: The officers of the Kapinsanag Pilipino sa Kuwait (KAPILKU) will hold their officer's meeting on Wednesday at Far East Restaurant at 8.00 pm.

Topics to be discussed are:

KTV 1

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 9.30 Ifrah Ya Simsim: Children Programme
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Hafat Al Hawiya: Arabia serial
- 11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 11.20 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial
- 12.15 Sabah Al Khair Variety
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 1.30 Falouna: Cartoon serial
- 2.00 Variety
- 2.15 Imra'a La Taref Al Yas: Arabic serial
- 3.00 Mawsoot Al Sona Al Nabawiya: Religious programme
- 3.30 Bibi Folk and Calimiro: cartoon serial
- 4.00 Abdul Rahman Al Ghaifi: Historical serial
- 5.40 Children and Summar: Local Programme
- 7.00 Alam Al Ghaad: Cultural Programme

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Hafith Pharmacy
Salah Al Deen St.
Al Rashed Pharmacy
Ahmad Al Jaber St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Nura Pharmacy
Nagra, Al Othman St.
Sakhiya and Rumaitiya
Deena Pharmacy
Extension of Anman St.
Fahad and Almadhi
Abu Hulaifa Pharmacy
Coastal Road
Jeeb Al Shiyoukh
Al Salama Pharmacy
Main St. Plot 2.
Jahra
Al Najah Pharmacy
Fourth Area, Plot 48.

CINEMA

Al Andalus
The Beast Master
Al Sabuiya
Dragnet
Al Hamra
Arabic Film
Drive In
Arabic Film
Al Firdous
Tera Karam Mera Dharam
Fahad Open-Air
Kasim Suhaag Ki
Al Fahad
Dragon Force
Al Jahra
Hundra
Granada
Cry Freedom
Salaibkhat
New Gladiators
Al Jeeb
Revenge of the Nerds II
Ahmed Drive-In
Laughing Times

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.15 am
Zuhr	11.51
Asr	3.24 pm
Maghreb	6.51
Isha	8.24



Lubna Abdul Aziz in Hiya Wa El Rijal on KTV1 at 10.45 pm today.

Palarong Pilipino (30 best basketball players from all the participants — red and green, one-on-one for ladies and three-point shooting from all the star selections for men's division): KAPILKU Night (quarterfinals for Bagong Kampeon, Sing-alike and bulilit Bagong Kampeon: Mutya ng Pilipinas — Kuwait, Philippine Community Day; and Songfest - 1989).

Kuwait Malayalee Catholic Association

JUNE 30: The Kuwait Malayalee Catholic Association (KMCA) will hold a cultural show at 4 pm at the church hall. Classical and folk dance and a fancy dress competition will be held, in addition to other contests.

KMCA will also hold a get-together on the same day at 4 pm at the Church parish hall to say goodbye to Fr. Cyril Karimundakal who will leave Kuwait after six years here.

"Hotter Than July"

JULY 7 (Friday): A pop, rock, country and reggae music festival to be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel Ballroom from 7 to 10 pm. The groups to be featured are Top Ranks, Earthquake, Zambesi, Manila Boys, Louie Villeveau, Daniel Sisters and special guest appearance by Steve Michael. Tickets priced at KD5/- are available at: Messilah Beach Hotel — Tel. 5624111 Ext. 721/729; Art Corner, Nagra: 2665068/2659820; Swan Lake Recording, Salimiya: 5721030; No. 1 Records, Sultan Center — 5719620 Ext. 46.

Special offer for office and home delivery of tickets please call 2669963, 3928504 and 5639689.

Musical instruments will be given as gifts on entrance tickets.

Red and Black nite

JULY 11: The Weekend Club will host the Red & Black Nite at the Sheikh Ballroom of the Regency Palace with Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones in attendance. Dress is informal but red and black combinations. Highlights include selection of the Red and Black Couple, most original costume and a jive contest. Gala buffet dinner is included. For reservations contact Hilary: 5741380 Julio: 5734513 and Marcos: 4890566.

D'Assisi Social Evening

AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social even-

ing at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Armst, Shop No. 34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

United Goans

AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans 'entre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140 Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

HOTELS

At the SAS

WELCOME on board Al Boom. Dine on our delicious mezzah buffet followed by your favourite speciality from our wide selection of fine charcoal grills and finish off with della coffee or have a puff from the hubble bubble/pipe. Dinner daily and lunch every Thursday and Friday. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

Keep fit

ACQUAFITNESS, judo, karate and taekwondo classes at the Kuwait International Hotel. Ladies keep fit sessions three times a week at La Palma Fitness Centre after which free use of the pool is invited.

Barbeque lunch every Friday afternoon by the Garden Pool. Tennis coaching available. Summer courses for swimming from July 1 - 26. Individual lessons also available. Details with Paul Woodland or Vivienne Buck: 2530000/8050.

At the Kuwait International

CHILDREN'S Party: On June 30 and July 7. Kermit, Donald Duck, Fozzie Bear, many other playmates, a huge Kiddie Castle, games, puppet shows and video fun promise to make it an entertaining day for the children.

Swimming competition too, so bring your swimming trunks. From 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm. KD5 for adults and KD3 for children under 12 years. Tickets on sale at reception: 2530000/8039.

La Palma: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese,

Mexican, Indian, African, Italian, British, German, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Ext: 8166.

Garden Pool: Relax by the pool and enjoy our Mongolian and American barbeque on alternate Fridays. Ext: 8052.

At the Ramada Hotel

EL BENDAR coffee shop at the Ramada Hotel offers continental and Arabic buffets daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 mid night daily, a la carte also available. A selection of home baked cakes, gateaux and tarts made to order.

Marina take away counter offering a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks open from 4 pm till 11 pm daily.

Ramada Al Salam lobby lounge open 10 am to 11 pm on Sundays offering a selection of coffee, tea and juice, cakes and pastries available.

At the Messilah Beach

AT Mubarakia, the only 24-hour restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and Continental specialities with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a la carte menu.

Al Jawharah super night club, live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with extensive a la carte menu on Wednesdays and special buffet on Thursdays.

Al Berdowneh beach garden restaurant open, Sunday to Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills. Lebanese mezza, freshly baked markoub bread and hubble bubble.

At the Holiday Inn

AT The Coffee Shop: A variety of continental in oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner.

Al Andalus: Thursday — Arabian night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for this night. Our local entertainers provide music.

Family brunch — a wholesome day for the family. Entertainment includes Walt Disney cartoon characters plus performance from the great magician. Let your kids enjoy every minute of the day. Delicious mouth watering food in a variety of deserts.

At the Swimming Pool: It's a great night out by the pool, starting at 8.00 pm.

Barbecue — Music — Games prizes and surprises awaits each one. Bring your family in friends in savour our delicious Sharaza Barbecue.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



Actors of the 227 on KTV2 at 9.30 pm today

- 7.30 Variety
- 7.50 Holy Quran and Science: Religious Programme
- 8.30 Omsiyat Al Ethneen: Local Programme
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.00 Al Yaqeen: Daily Arabic serial
- 10.45 Hiya Wa El Rijal: Arabic feature film, Starring: Lubna Abdul Aziz
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.05 The World today via Satellite
- 12.30 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon series
- 6.30 Wild America: a documentary on nature
- 7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world and regional affairs
- 7.30 Charles-in-Charge: "Eggas Us." Grandpa boasts of his romantic adventures, until he meets an old flame. Comedy.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Paradise: "Hard Choices." Ethan, accused of murder, has to appear in a Texas court. Will he or won't he?

9.30 227: "The New Neighbours." Rose hires a live-in-handyman to do much needed repairs. Comedy.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

US personal income up

KD market eases

Kuwait dinar
BASED on last week opening middle FX rates, the KD exchange rate was firmer against the dollar ending the week at 295.40 fils compared with its week before last closing of 300.08 fils.

The KD was easier against the pound sterling, ending the week at 462.30 fils compared with its week before last closing of 451.62 fils. The KD was also easier against the DM ending the week at 151.10 fils compared with its week before last closing of 146.81 fils.

The KD was also easier against the SFR ending the week at 175.05 fils compared with its week before last closing of 170.02 fils, according to Gulf Bank weekly financial market report.

The KD was higher against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 472.64 fils compared with its week before last closing of 529.24 fils. The KD was unchanged against all other GCC currencies compared to the week before last rates.

As to the KD money market, the short-term interbank rates traded easier over the week.

One-month interbank rates traded over the week within 9.62 per cent - 10.93 per cent range compared with 10.25 per cent - 11 per cent range the week before last.

While 3-month interbank rates traded within longer periods traded also easier within a relatively narrow range of 9.50 per cent - 9.93 per cent and 9.50 per cent - 9.81 per cent for 6 and 12 months respectively.

World Stock Markets

After moving lower earlier in the week on programme selling triggered by the weaker dollar, Wall Street stock prices firmed later, encouraged by signs that the economy is slowing and that interest rates could be headed lower.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2480, and closed at a new closing high of 2532, recording a gain of 46 points over the previous week's closing of 2486.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange moved higher on sterling's steadier performance and reduced fears of an imminent rise in UK base rates earlier in the week, before weakening on renewed concerns that a wider than expected UK deficit may induce sharp falls in sterling and put renewed pressure on the base rates.

Also concerns generated by fears of increased industrial unrest in Britain added to the negative sentiment.

US dollar

The dollar over the week lost most of its gains against major currencies, and after breaking several resistance levels for several weeks the dollar reversed its trend this week breaking through key support levels especially against the Yen and the Mark. The dollar came under renewed downward pressure from US data suggesting that the economy continues to lose momentum.

US durable goods orders fell 4.2 per cent in May which is the largest decline since July 1988. The May loss in orders follows a revised 3.2 per cent gain in April orders.

With this decline US durable goods orders for the month of May amounted to \$124 billion compared to \$129 billion for April.

The May drop in orders was unexpected by economists, who on average had anticipated the figure would be unchanged from April, and the May decrease in total orders adds to recent signs which shows that the economy has slowed down under the weight of the Federal Reserve's year-long inflation-fighting interest rate increases.

US personal income rose 0.3 per cent while personal consumption rose also 0.37 per cent for the month of May. April personal income was revised up \$7.4 billion to show a 0.5 per cent rise instead of the 0.4 per cent previously reported.

Pound sterling

The pound opened the week against the dollar at \$1.5420/30 and closed higher at \$1.5640/55 compared to its week before last closing of \$1.5400/15.

The UK currency moved higher, benefiting from the market's uncertainty about the dollar's direction.

Earlier in the week the pound showed little reaction to news UK bank and building society lending rose \$3.7 billion in May. Although this was lower than April's \$7.0 billion, it exceeded market forecasts for a \$5.8 billion increase. Also news of a 1.2 per cent rise in May in money supply MO had no impact.

Japanese yen

The yen opened the week against the dollar at 144.30/40 yen and closed the week higher at 138.75/85 yen compared to its week before last closing at 144.80/90 yen.

Although the yen over the week broke several resistance levels against the dollar nevertheless it could not break through key resistance level against the dollar at 137.50 yen.

Japan's GNP for the January/March quarter, rose 2.2 per cent, bringing growth for the 1989/90 fiscal year to 5.1 per cent.

Swiss franc

The Swiss franc opened the week against the \$ at 1.7065/75 SFR and closed higher at 1.6760/70 SFR, compared to its week before last week closing of 1.7110/20 SFR.

The Swiss wholesale price index rose 0.4 per cent in May after rising 0.7 per cent in April. May unemployment rate remained steady at 0.6 per cent.

Precious metals

After being steady earlier in the week, London precious metal prices moved higher as currency factors swept the New York market higher. The advance was sparked by the dollar's weakness which prompted an advance in New York futures.

Gold bullion prices opened the week at 366.50/367 \$/oz, and closed higher at 371/371.50 \$/oz, but recorded a gain of \$7.50 over the previous week's closing of 363.50/364 \$/oz.

Silver bullion prices opened the week at 5.35/5.37 \$/oz and closed lower at 5.26/5.28 unchanged from the previous week's closing.

Platinum prices opened the week at 495/496 \$/oz, and closed higher at 505.50/506.50 \$/oz, recording a gain of \$18.50 over the previous week's closing of 487/488 \$/oz.

Royal Jordanian revenues stable

Airline to meet its debt obligations

AMMAN, Jordan, June 25, (AP): The Royal Jordanian airlines chairman, Ali Ghandour, said last week the carrier's revenues will remain stable, allowing it to meet its debt obligations.

Ghandour told a news conference at his office that Royal Jordanian expected revenues to reach \$314 million plus 28 million dinars (\$49 million) in local currency this year.

He said revenues have averaged \$300 million and 20 million dinars (\$35 million) in recent years.

He estimated 1989 expenses would be \$237 million and 50 million dinars (\$87.5 million) — figures difficult to combine at mid-year due to uncertainties about the future value of the two currencies.

The value of the dinar slumped from about \$3 early last year to \$1.75 now due to a national financial crisis that forced the government to seek rescheduling of its \$8.1 billion foreign debt.

The revelation of the depth of financial problems late last year inspired rumours throughout the country. Some of them involved speculation that the government-owned airline was in trouble.

But Ghandour said while Royal Jordan has \$120 million in debts, it also has more than \$154 million in bank deposits and money owed to it.

"Royal Jordanian will pay off its debts from its revenues, credit and the deposits we have locally and in foreign banks," Ghandour said.

Ghandour said the airline plans to go ahead with plans to purchase additional Airbus aircraft over the next three years and denied any plans to cut its staff of 5,130.

Ghandour said Royal Jordanian had \$87 million on deposit in foreign banks, but he said the company would bring "the excess" back to Jordan by the end of the year. He estimated that would amount to \$50 million to 70 million.

"We have deposits outside because we work in foreign exchange," he said.

He said growing debt forced the airline two years ago to refinance loans on six of its Lockheed Tristar airliners and sell six other planes to foreign banks in a lease-back arrangement.

Soviets to help Iran rebuild major industries

NICOSIA, Cyprus, June 25, (AP): A defence agreement and a long-term co-operation pact for building railroads, dams and power plants are included in a \$6-billion set of accords signed this week with the Soviet Union, state-run Tehran Radio reported yesterday.

Iran's Economy and Finance Minister Mohammad Javad Iravani gave no details of the defence agreement in a radio interview, but it is believed the Soviets will help Iran replenish military hardware depleted in the 8-year Gulf war.

The accords were signed during a landmark visit to Moscow by Iran's powerful parliament Speaker, Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Minister of Heavy Industries Behzad Nabavi, who accompanied Hashemi Rafsanjani on the four-day visit, said Moscow will help Iran produce some of its own weapons, the radio reported. The

broadcast was monitored in Nicosia.

A Tehran Radio commentary called the agreements "unprecedented in the 10-year history" of Iran's Islamic republic.

"The Soviet Union as our only northern neighbour is endowed with many economic, technical and political capacities which can be used for preservation and promotion of mutual interests," the radio said.

The Islamic Republic News Agency, also monitored in Nicosia, quoted Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati as saying Rafsanjani's "visit was made following a decision by leaders of the two countries to upgrade mutual ties in various fields."

The Soviets will be helping Iran rebuild many major industries devastated by Iraqi attacks.

Iravani, also a member of Rafsanjani's delegation, said Soviet technicians will

help boost Iran's electricity generating capacity through expanding the plant at Ramin in Ahvaz, Iran's southeastern oil capital as well as the Shahed Montazeri plant in the central city of Isfahan.

The Soviets also will build several new thermal, hydroelectric and nuclear power plants and seven new dams on five rivers around Iran, he said.

He said the project will be financed in part by massive exports of natural gas to the Soviet Union. Iran already has agreed to export 3 billion cubic metres of natural gas annually under a 15-year accord.

The Soviets also will provide credits to a fixed ceiling for the construction projects and for trade, Iravani said, but did not specify the amount.

The Isfahan Steel Mill, built by the Soviet Union and damaged in the war, will be upgraded to its original capacity of 1.9 million tons a year and later boosted

to 4 million tons a year, Iravani said.

The accords also called for electrification of Iran's rail system and construction of a rail network linking the north-east Iranian cities of Tavan, Sarakhs and Mashhad in Khorasan province, which borders the Soviet Union.

The railway network will be an "effective step" towards trade with the Far East, IRNA quoted Iravani as saying.

Another transportation accord signed in Moscow will launch a joint shipping line between the Soviet port of Baku and Iranian ports on the Caspian with each country providing two vessels.

Iranian ships also will be permitted to carry passengers and cargo to Europe on Soviet rivers, according to the agreement.

Other transportation agreements will allow Iranian ships, trucks and trains to transit Soviet territory and waters. In addition, the Soviets have agreed to

let Iran sell natural gas to other European countries through the Soviet Union, Iravani said. An accord with Bulgaria already has been reached.

Gas sales to the Soviet Union were halted in 1980 over a price dispute. The price will now be determined according to international base rates, IRNA quoted Iravani as saying.

The Iranian cabinet yesterday approved legislation allowing the Caspian provinces of Mazandaran and Gilan to export non-oil goods totalling \$30 million a year to neighbouring Asian republics of the Soviet Union, Iravani said.

The provinces of Khorasan and east and west Azerbaijan already have received similar permits.

Soviet satellites will be used to detect possible mineral reserves and help boost Iranian communication systems, Iravani said.

Thatcher pushing plans to build more reactors in UK

Nuclear row heats up

LONDON, June 25, (Reuter): Claims that nuclear energy can help moderate the "Greenhouse effect" have triggered alarm in the anti-nuclear camp.

Now that excitement over the possibility of tabletop nuclear fusion has abated, the spotlight is back on a world-wide controversy over existing fission technology.

Supporters of nuclear energy say its contribution of safe, clean electricity is essential. Critics say it is hazardous, squanders money and must not be allowed to revive its fortunes after the Chernobyl disaster on the back of the global warming scare.

Among those at the sharp end of this dispute is British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who is pushing plans to build more reactors in Britain.

Thatcher cannot understand why nuclear power should upset anyone worried about heating of the atmosphere by carbon dioxide from coal, oil and gas, and

about acid rain caused by sulphur from coal-fired power stations.

"We all know now about the Greenhouse effect and what would happen if it increased. Nuclear power will not put masses of carbon dioxide up in the atmosphere," Thatcher said when she opened a new nuclear plant this summer at Torness, Scotland.

But critics reply that without a miracle like a quick route to tabletop fusion, nuclear power will not make a significant contribution to world energy supplies.

They also allege that in existing fission technologies there is too much risk of incidents like the Soviet Chernobyl disaster in 1986 and the US near-meltdown at Three Mile Island in 1979.

And they point to the unsolved problem of how to bury radioactive waste. New estimates that cleaning up the US military's nuclear rubbish may cost \$200

billion have provided ammunition for anti-nuclear lobbyists everywhere.

Some nations have made a big success of nuclear power. France gets 70 per cent of its electricity from the atom, although its programme owes some \$35 billion of debt.

Other leaders include Belgium (65 per cent), Hungary (50), South Korea (47) and Japan (28). About a fifth of electricity in the United States, by far the biggest producer of nuclear power, is nuclear-generated.

In Britain the figure is about 17 per cent from seven operational plants. Four new ones are planned in a nation which is one of the few bright spots at present for the nuclear industry.

In the United States no licence has been sought to build a new reactor since Three Mile Island. The Soviet Union has cancelled six projects since Chernobyl. China has shelved 10 reactors on cost grounds.

Globally, the 417 existing atomic power plants still account for only about 5.4 per cent of total energy consumed, nor does the International Energy Agency at present expect that proportion to change much by the year 2005.

The environmentalist association for the conservation of energy calculates that nuclear's present displacement of coal, oil and gas is saving only the equivalent of four per cent of total carbon dioxide emissions. It would need 16 new reactors to be built each week for 25 years to replace 50 per cent of fossil fuels.

Nuclear opponents say money would be better spent on fuel efficiency which is the new buzzword for what used to be called conservation in the "save it" campaigns of the last energy crisis — the one caused in the 1970s by high OPEC oil prices.

In Moscow, conservation may be starting to catch on.

South Korean farmers face mounting debts

Farm problems may cause social unrest

HWASUNG, South Korea, June 25, (AP): Park Sung-Twan says he sometimes gets so depressed about the daily battle to keep his tiny farm going that he thinks of killing himself.

"I am a farmer by birth, and in no time in my life have things been so difficult as now," the 55-year-old farmer said recently, as he showed his four-acre (1.6-hectare) plot to a visitor.

Park and other South Korean farmers face mounting debts, growing foreign competition, and an inability to make their tiny holdings produce enough.

South Korea transformed itself in three decades from an agrarian society into an industrial power as a flood of Korean industrial exports poured on to world markets. However, the agricultural sector did not keep pace with modernisation and remains reliant on manual labour and small, inefficient farms.

Park earns about \$10,000 a year from growing rice and tobacco. He says that it isn't enough to keep the farm running and support his wife and three children.

Park's income dropped 30 per cent after US cigarette imports cut his tobacco sales. He has been unable to pay interest on a \$13,000 bank loan he took out five years ago, and the debt was swollen to \$15,000.

"I have no hope and feel like dying. I have no one to turn to for help," Park said, speaking in front of his tiny two-room house in Hwasung, 100 kilometres (60 miles) south of Seoul.

The Catholic Farmers' Association says about a dozen farmers, under financial pressure, have committed suicide so far this year.

During an agricultural slump in 1983-84, as many as 40 farmers, unable to pay back government loans they used to buy cattle, took their lives, the association said.

Agricultural experts warn that chronic farm problems may cause serious social unrest. They urge a restructuring of the farm industry.

"The farm situation has reached its limit and become a serious political issue," said Huh Shin-Haeng, an agricultural specialist with the state-financed Korea Rural Economic Institute.

Poor management, low investment, poor irrigation, lack of arable land and the lack of mechanisation make farming increasingly uneconomical, said Huh.

Huh said Korea's farm population of 8.4 million, about one-fifth the total population, is declining at an annual rate of 450,000 people as young farmers leave the countryside for better prospects in the cities.

No figures are available on how many farmers are in financial trouble, but Huh said most farm families are struggling to stay in business.

Gulf Air to raise capital

New airlink

ABU DHABI, June 25, (Agencies): Gulf Air is to raise its capital to 64 million Bahraini dinars (\$170 million) from 40 million (\$106 million), the official Emirates News Agency WAM reported today.

The airline's chairman Ali Ibrahim Al-Malki said the increase would be financed from Gulf Air reserves, WAM reported.

Gulf Air, owned jointly by Bahrain, Qatar, the emirate of Abu Dhabi and Oman netted a profit of 2.58 million dinars (\$6.8 million) in 1988, after a loss of 2.9 million dinars (\$7.7 million) in 1987, Malki said.

In April, Gulf Air said it would pay \$1 billion for 18 new Boeing and Airbus aircraft over the next five years, nearly doubling the size of its fleet.

Meanwhile, a new airlink between Iran and the United Arab Emirates started today with an Emirates Airlines flight which left for Bandar Abbas from Dubai.

WAM said two return flights would operate each week between Dubai and Iran's southern port city of Bandar Abbas.

WAM quoted Sultan Dhiyab Saqr, deputy general manager of the airline, as saying the flights were fully booked for the first few weeks.

In another development the first direct flight in 12 years from Damascus to the Egyptian capital of Cairo took place today as part of a rapprochement between the two Arab nations.

Syrian officials quoted the pilot of the Syrian airlines jumbo as saying the special flight carried 306 Egyptian lawyers who had participated in an Arab lawyers' congress in Damascus.

"Every Syrian citizen was awaiting the first flight to Egypt after the encounter between President (Hafez) Assad and his Egyptian counterpart," said the pilot.

He said that regular flights between the two capitals will be resumed "very soon."

A reconciliation between Assad and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak took place last month in Morocco during an emergency Arab League summit, where Egypt was readmitted to the Arab fold after a 10-year break.

Egypt's membership in the 22-member organisation was suspended after it signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979. Although most Arab nations restored links with Cairo over the past two years, Syria had refused to follow suit.

Stocks set to rally further

NEW YORK, June 25, (Reuter): Wall Street is cruising towards the midyear mark with a strong gain, flush with enthusiasm over the economy and interest rates, and optimistic that even more gains may be on the horizon.

Although a profit-taking pull-back is widely expected, most traders said they anticipate a further lift in the week ahead as fund managers rush to get on board the big rally before the accounting period ends.

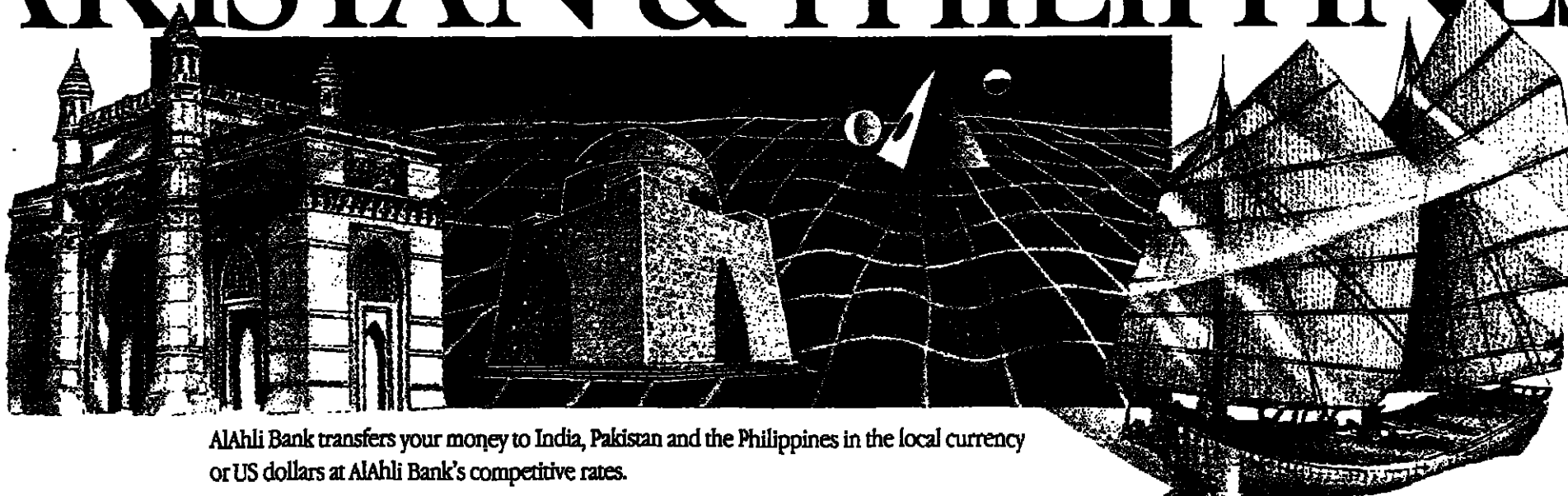
The portfolio managers are going to be in there, trying to add to their holdings of the good stocks," said James Andrews of Janney, Montgomery, Scott in Philadelphia.

A lot of stocks fall into the "good stocks" category that fund managers hope to acquire as "window-dressing" rather than report cash holdings at the end of the period.

The 1989 first half is shaping up as one of the best six-month periods in recent years, with stocks up nearly 15 per cent from the state of the year, when the Dow Jones industrials were at 2,168.57.

The Dow rose about 100 points, or just over 5 per cent, in the first quarter and accelerated in the second quarter, gaining more than 200 points or almost 10 per cent so far.

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Madrid gears up to host EEC meeting

Gonzalez warns Thatcher not to block deal

MADRID, June 25, (Reuters): Strict security and a tight schedule will keep European Economic Community leaders away from the gaze of Madrid's citizens and the festivities laid on as Spain proudly stages its first EEC summit next week.

The two-day summit is expected to be a combative affair centring on economic and monetary union and a social charter of workers' rights — issues which to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher are like a red rag to a bull.

She and the other 11 leaders will be discussing the Third World's foreign debt over dinner on Monday while one of the season's best bullfights — for which hundreds of seats have been booked for EEC delegations — takes place in Madrid.

The summit puts the seal on Spain's full membership of the community, which it joined in 1986 after being kept waiting for many years during and after the dictatorship of General Francisco Franco.

Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez warned Britain's Margaret Thatcher today that other European Economic Community states will go ahead without her if she tries to block a deal on monetary union at the EEC summit.

On the eve of the two-day meeting which he will chair, Gonzalez set out stiff conditions for a deal which go well beyond what the embattled British Prime Minister has so far been prepared to accept. "One shouldn't work to

exclude anybody, but nobody can be given the right of veto over the desire of others to advance towards monetary union," Gonzalez said in an interview with the Spanish daily El Pais.

Spurred by her voters in elections to the European parliament and with a new opinion poll today showing her Conservative Party trailing the Labour opposition by 14 percentage points, Thatcher faces a stark choice in Madrid.

Will she give her 11 EEC partners a clear commitment to take sterling into the European Monetary System in exchange for slowing down moves towards a single EEC currency and a common central bank? Or will she dig in her heels and risk isolation? On the other major issue

before the 12 leaders — an EEC charter of social rights which Thatcher regards as a direct attack on her 10 years of radical right-wing government — Gonzalez admitted there was little chance of agreement.

"Honestly, I don't think the chances are very high. I think we are going to have a fairly tough discussion — harder now than before the European elections...I hope conclusions could be a total consensus, but it may be so," he told El Pais.

The tense atmosphere expected around the summit table will be mirrored in the streets outside, with 2,000 police on duty to counter the threat of attacks by basque separatist guerrillas.

The real Madrid stadium opposite the conference centre is

being used as a helicopter landing site and the club's last league match this weekend was brought forward to Friday so the ground could be used as headquarters for the security operation.

Gonzalez has cleared the summit agenda to leave as much time as possible for the monetary union and social policy debates. Foreign affairs, including a joint EEC response to the crackdown in China and a common stance to help developing countries with their foreign debts, will be dealt with over dinner on Monday.

Even the currently fashionable question of the environment will receive only scant attention and the leaders will content themselves with a very general review of progress towards abolishing all the EEC's internal barriers by the end of 1992.

Workers protest at Kosovo mine

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia, June 25, (Reuters): More than 100 ethnic Albanian miners refused to work in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province today as armed policemen guarded towns to deter unrest ahead of a mass Serbian national festival.

Pitmen at the Trepeca lead and zinc mine, 35 km (20 miles) north of the Kosovo capital of Pristina, stayed away from their overnight shift in protest at not receiving their May salaries and pay bonuses.

It was the first overt sign of Albanian discontent before celebrations on June 28 of the 600th anniversary of a Serbian battle against Turkish invaders. Up to one million Serbs are expected to travel to Kosovo for the festivities.

Tanjung quoted a Kosovo civil defence official, Mehmet Ajeti, as saying some of the 115 protesting miners "are trying to use the difficult financial situation at the Trepeca mine to destabilise operations again."

More than 1,000 miners staged an underground strike at Trepeca in February, demanding that Kosovo's 1.7 million ethnic Albanians retain the political autonomy they were granted under Yugoslavia's 1974 constitution.

The strike touched off a general strike in Kosovo. When Kosovo lost its autonomy in March to Serbia, Yugoslavia's biggest republic, riots flared and 24 people were killed. Another protester died in unrest in May.

Tanjung said 125 other pitmen worked the overnight shift at Trepeca after discussions with local officials, and the mine was operating normally on Sunday morning.

Policemen with automatic rifles manned checkpoints and patrolled towns in Kosovo to prevent ethnic Albanian protests. Authorities say underground Albanian nationalists have vowed to disrupt the Serbian festival with acts of sabotage.

Hundreds of students at Pristina University, a traditional seat of Albanian nationalism, were evacuated at the weekend, officially to make space for large numbers of Serbian visitors expected for the celebrations.

The 200,000 Serbs and other Slavs form a shrinking minority in Kosovo but Serbs, like Albanians, regard the province as the cradle of their culture.

Baghdad to get credit facilities

BAGHDAD, June 25, (OPECNA): A group of West German companies has offered to provide \$100 million in credit facilities to Iraqi businessmen.

The accord was signed by the Iraqi Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and a delegation representing the Federation of West German Corporations in Bavaria.

The 21-member West German team, comprising industrialists and businessmen, expressed its readiness to enter into joint ventures with their Iraqi counterparts, and to finance the construction of industrial projects, including car industries.

West German exports to Iraq are expected to comprise mainly spare parts and raw materials, which are needed in Iraq's industrial operations.

Recently, a 41-member delegation representing major US industrial and agricultural companies, visited Iraq to discuss investments prospects in the country's post-war development schemes.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Trade Minister Muwailleh Mehdi Saleh has announced that American General Motors is to build a car assembly plant in Iraq under an agreement signed between the Ministry of Industry and the company.



Workers clean up oil spill

Workers clean up oil spill that occurred off Newport, Rhode Islands, on Saturday. More than one million gallons of oil spilled into Narragansett Bay when a tanker hit a reef on Friday, leaking a five-mile oil slick. The tanker apparently had strayed off course without pilot on board. (Reuter wirephoto)

Egypt-IMF talks on economic reform

Critical stage

CAIRO, June 25, (Reuters): Cash-strapped Egypt and the IMF appear to have reached a critical stage in marathon talks on a package of economic reforms, although final agreement may still be months away.

An IMF team, in Cairo to study a letter of intent presented by the government, has been joined by Abdel-Shakour Shaalan, head of the IMF's Middle East division — an indication that the talks are now at an advanced level, officials said today.

International Monetary Fund approval of the letter of intent would allow Egypt to go to the Paris Club of creditor nations to reschedule some of its heavy foreign debt, estimated at more than \$50 billion.

The mass-circulation weekly Akhbar El-Yom said an agreement would be reached in the next few days.

"The talks are making continuous progress," Prime Minister Atef Sedki said last week. But Egyptian officials and newspapermen have traditionally been over-optimistic in predicting IMF accord.

Foreign diplomats say the IMF, which two years ago reached an accord with Egypt on exceptionally lenient terms only to find Cairo knocking on its door again, will want this time to be convinced Egypt is serious about reforming its economy.

Egyptian-born Shaalan is due to have talks with Sedki and Central Bank Governor Salah Hamid during his four-day stay.

The IMF team will shortly report to top IMF executives in Washington for a final decision, Akhbar El-Yom said.

Egypt, with debt mostly owed to Western governments rather than commercial banks, wants to reschedule about \$5 billion of both interest payments and principal due between last July and the end of this year.

But diplomats said that before Egypt can have a clean bill of health to take to the Paris Club, it will have to prove to the IMF that it has already implemented some reforms and has a clear timescale for implementing others.

Egypt has resisted pressure for speedy reforms, including deep cuts in subsidies, fearing a repeat of bread riots which erupted in 1977 in the Arab world's most populous country.

Several IMF missions have held inconclusive talks with Egyptian officials over the past 12 months.

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Fed survey

Expansion slowing in some regions

WASHINGTON, June 25, (AP): The US economy continues to grow, but there are "ebbing rates of expansion" in some regions, the Federal Reserve said yesterday in a report that suggests the American Central Bank need not push up interest rates.

The survey of economic conditions around the country indicated growth is slowing and inflationary pressures have eased in response to an anti-inflation campaign launched by the Fed in March 1988.

That's what the Central Bank sought to produce from its 15-month-long effort to curb inflation by pushing up interest rates to cool off the economy. Earlier this month, the Fed eased up slightly and made a small move to loosen its grip on credit in the belief that the slowing economy would help tame price increases.

US consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 6.7 per cent during the first five months of 1989, up from price increases of 4.4 per cent during 1987 and 1988, but many analysts believe that inflation may begin to level off and decline later this year.

The survey, based on comments submitted by the Fed's 12 regional banks, painted a picture of an economy in which slower growth could help ease upward pressure on prices caused by tight labour markets and strained factories.

"Economic activity for most of the nation continues to advance, but a number of Federal Reserve districts note ebbing rates of expansion," the survey said.

"With some exceptions, wage and price pressures are not accelerating. Some districts said their respondents had not been able to pass their input costs increases through to their customers."

The economic survey will be used when Fed policymakers meet July 5-6 to decide future monetary strategy. The Central Bank tries to control inflation through its decision on how much money it makes available to the banking system.

Economist Cynthia Latta of Data Resources Inc. in Lexington, Massachusetts, said the survey suggests "the Fed may have more luck with a soft landing than a lot of people think." In a soft landing, growth slows enough to restrain inflation without toppling the country into a recession.

"I would think that they (Fed officials) will put themselves on the back for a job well done up to this point, but there's nothing in here that tells them they need to loosen aggressively," Ms Latta said of the survey. "It just says expansion is ebbing, which is what the Fed wants."

The survey reported that while auto sales have dipped, retail sales generally are positive.

Economy remains sufficiently robust

Money market rates firm

AS anticipated, this week represented a correction and consolidation phase for the dollar. Significant central bank intervention notably by the Bank of Japan saw many investors profit-taking with speculators fearful of an orchestrated bull trap. In addition an independent report from Washington suggested that the G-3 being US, West Germany and Japan — were looking to see the dollar substantially lower by September's international meetings. Although this was denied the central authorities are likely to be well pleased with the dollar's recent downward realignment, according to NBK weekly financial market report.

The beige report issued by the Federal Reserve board provided continuing evidence that the economy remains sufficiently robust. Consequently the Fed funds rate and money market rates firmed on the week.

The dollar ended the week at DM1.94 and yen 139.2.

GNP final revision for first quarter this year was up from the previous estimate of 4.3 per cent to 4.4 per cent. This compares with fourth quarter final of 2.4 per cent.

GNP Price deflator was revised downwards to 3.6 per cent from the previous estimate of 3.9 per cent for the first quarter of 1989 and compares with 5.3 per cent for the fourth quarter last year.

Durable goods orders fell 4.2 per cent in May and compared with 3.2 per cent for April and 1

per cent in March. New shipments orders also declined by 0.1 per cent in May compared with 2.4 per cent in April.

Personal consumption rose by 0.3 per cent following a 1.1 per cent rise in April and 0.4 per cent in March.

Personal income increased by 0.3 per cent in May to \$4,390. This was done on the April and March numbers of 0.5 and 0.9 per cent respectively.

With few meaningful economic data releases last week trading has been influenced by technical factors. This is liable to continue with the dollar's downward adjustment perceived as a short-term correction to the recent substantial gains.

There still appears to be adequate evidence of capital funds — notably in Japan — waiting on the sidelines for the dollar to settle before reinvesting. Consequently the dollar's bull phase may not yet be at an end.

"We still however maintain our longer-term prognosis of increasing market recognition that a substantially stronger dollar only serves to undermine a further improvement to the international trade imbalances, plus an expected narrowing in the interest rate differential will ultimately cap the dollar's rise."

The leading indicator index due out this week is forecast to be lower, and consequently money market rates may touch down with some cosmetic easing in Fed fund rates. Nevertheless with the

assessment from this week's beige report and recent economic data releases, the Federal Reserve is far from unanimously convinced that inflationary pressures have eased. "We still maintain that whilst Federal Reserve policy is set for ultimate relaxation this is unlikely to be immediately forthcoming and we may still need to wait another two to three months."

Trading ranges for the coming week are: \$/DM 1.92-1.97 and \$/Y137-142.

With few data releases this week the UK markets continued to reflect previous week's sentiment. Despite significant Central Bank intervention particularly by the Bank of England sterling remained very much in a bear environment and sustained further losses on a trade-weighted basis, just about held its own against a considerably weaker dollar but fell considerably on the cross rate £/DM to a low of DM3.03.

Money Supply: M0 rose a provisional 1.2 per cent in May to a year on year position of 6.2 per cent. M2 increased 1.3 per cent to a year on year 21.7 per cent. M4 increased 0.9 per cent in May to a year on year position of 18.6 per cent. Bank and Building Society Lending increased by £6.7 billion and compares with the average monthly increase over the past six months of £6.9 billion.

GDP increased by 1.4 per cent in the first quarter of 1989 compared with the same quarter last year.

GE, Ford to develop arc lights for cars

DETROIT, Michigan, June 25, (AP): General Electric Co. and Ford Motor Co. are trying to make night driving as brightly lit as a sports stadium illuminated for night events.

The companies said Thursday they've joined in a venture to develop arc discharge lamps for cars, like those in street and stadium lights. GE officials said the lamps would blaze with a whiter light, use less electricity and take more abuse than halogen lights on most cars now.

"Assuming that the product that we jointly design is attractive to the market and can be manufactured at a competitive price, then there would be the opportunity for manufacturing and marketing it," said Bill Peacock, spokesman for Ford's diversified products operation.

The lights could appear on cars in the early 1990s, said Tom Willis, general manager of the project for General Electric's GE lighting division in Cleveland. The company didn't say how much they would spend on the development programme.

Stadium lights need warmup time, but GE has developed an instant-on version adaptable to cars, spokesman John Betchel said.

GE officials estimate the world-wide market for auto lighting systems at \$1 billion a year, although the GE-Ford system isn't likely to be the only contender for the business.

"It's a very competitive arena, and there are other people undoubtedly working on similar kinds of products," Peacock said.

Premier lashes out at false friends of China

Businessmen worry about deals

BEIJING, June 25, (Reuters): Foreign businessmen who fled Beijing worried for their personal safety are beginning to go back — but now worry over when business will return to normal.

"We've been contacted by all our Chinese customers," a European communications equipment dealer said on Thursday.

"They are all very concerned and we are too. We cannot make any major commitments now."

Traders said Chinese ties with foreign governments, particularly the United States, and with international lenders will determine how soon business returns to normal after China's bloody crackdown on dissent.

"We are very cautious and we think US companies are even more cautious," a Japanese banker said. President George Bush suspended US arms sales to China after troops and tanks stormed Beijing to crush student-led demonstrations.

He also banned high-level contacts with Beijing because of the continuing crackdown against the democracy movement and is seeking a halt to international development loans to China.

Bush has so far refused comment on the executions in Shanghai of three men for their role in the democracy movement but other Western leaders have expressed revulsion and dismay.

Japan is delaying restoring official aid and a World Bank official is now in China on a fact-finding mission to decide on \$450.2 million in loans delayed after the military crackdown on June 4.

The Japanese banker said the World Bank review would have an important impact on how other banks dealt with Beijing.

Even if the banks continue lending, "interest rates will definitely go up," he said.

China's media on Thursday were full of reports of foreign businessmen returning and official statements that the open door policy encouraging overseas trade would not change.

The Japanese banker said about a third of Beijing's Japanese residents had returned.

Premier Li Peng, the man thought to be behind the harsh crackdown, on Wednesday lashed out at "false friends" of China.

Algeria seeks joint ventures in booming gas sector

ALGIERS, June 25, (Reuters): Algeria is seeking joint ventures with foreign firms to expand its booming natural gas sector and capture a larger share of the world market.

Energy Minister Saddek Boussena told Reuters in an interview that Algeria was nearing the ceiling of present export capacity for natural gas, a relatively clean fuel increasingly demanded in industrialised nations.

Hit by the fall in world oil prices, the cash-strapped North African country wants to form its first joint ventures in the nationalised hydrocarbons sector to develop its gas reserves.

"We are in discussion with one or two partners to increase our capacity of liquefied natural gas (LNG)," Boussena said.

"We have plans, if the opportunities appear, to invest more in extra LNG units or gas lines, and we would prefer this to be in the form of joint ventures, to share the financial burden."

Algeria is already one of the world's top gas

exporters, and Boussena said 1989 sales of natural gas and LNG would top 29 billion cubic metres this year, compared to 26 billion last year.

Boussena said current export capacity was 40 billion cubic metres a year but the surplus would be absorbed in the next two to three years by recently signed contracts.

Total natural gas production this year was likely to reach more than 100 billion cubic metres from 93 billion in 1988. Most of the gas is reinjected to maintain pressure in the fields.

In the past six months Algeria settled gas price disputes with France, Belgium and Spain. It has resumed suspended shipments to a US firm, Distigas of Boston, and signed new contracts with two Japanese firms.

"We wanted to put an end to all these disputes and now it's done. Now we can devote ourselves to a certain number of markets we have targeted," Boussena said.

These include both Western Europe, linked

to Algeria by a gas pipeline through Tunisia and Italy, and the United States.

"We are convinced that in a few years the American market will absorb more imports of gas, and we want to prepare ourselves to answer the demand rather quickly," he said.

The official daily El-Moudjahid said on Saturday the state concern Sonatrach was near agreement with two US suppliers, Southern and Colombia Gas, for separate gas contracts totalling up to four billion cubic metres a year from 1991.

Algeria has also been sounding out potential customers in Western Europe and is ready to expand the pipeline capacity via Italy to 18.5 billion cubic metres a year from the present 12.5 billion as soon as the market warranted, Boussena said.

The national assembly is due to debate shortly a new joint venture law offering unprecedented incentives to foreign capital, part of liberal, political and economic reforms spurred by riots last October.

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	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.55	2.54
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.22	2.18
ARAB BANK	161.0	161.2
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.54	4.54
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.95	1.95
ARAB INSURANCE	1.04	1.05
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.74	0.73
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.31	1.29
ARAB JOR/INVEST/JR	2.37	2.40
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	0.38	0.36
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	3.63	3.62
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	1.76	1.73
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.25	15.15
BEIT AL-HAL/BEITNA	1.27	1.24
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.95	1.00
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.44	0.42
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.75	2.72
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.80	0.79
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60	4.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10
HIMEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
INDO/MATCH JEMCO	1.02	1.00
INDSTR. DEVLPT BAK	1.61	1.60
INDSTR./COM/AGR.	1.79	1.71
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERCOM. INV.	0.13	0.13
IRABID ELECTRICITY	0.81	0.81
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETROL/CH	2.22	2.19
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.22	2.25
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.50	1.48
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.03	1.03
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18	2.18
JOR INDUSTRY CHEN.	2.50	2.50
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
JOR LIM BRICK	0.18	0.18
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.47	2.48
JOR PAPER CARDBRCK	4.05	4.05
JOR PHOSPHATE NING	4.05	4.05
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.25	2.26
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.15	1.13
JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12	1.11
JOR SELPHO CHEN	2.11	2.10
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.80	2.77
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.85	4.75
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.92	0.88
JOR. KUWAIT REF	7.99	7.80
JOR. FRENCH INS.	3.09	2.94
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	2.45	2.45
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.35	0.35
JORDANIAN DAIRY	1.17	1.15
JORDANIAN GULF BANK	1.12	1.12
JORDANIAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDANIAN INSURANCE	3.45	3.40
JORDANIAN ISLAMIC BANK	2.15	2.17
JORDANIAN KUWAIT BAK	1.46	1.46

...from a passing resemblance into double money

Copy cats!

Business is booming on both sides of the Atlantic for the successful celebrity cones. Gorbachev, Madonna, Bogart or the Pope ... you can get anyone for a fee. They do it for a giggle, a bet and for the money which can be as much as £1,000 a day. But some, like the tragic blonde Marilyn Monroe double who died last week get sucked in by the character they portray.

By Sham Usher

SHE wears a wild purple wig, leather mini-skirt as pelmet for endless legs restless on spike heels, and seems to be exploding with sultry energy, sexual challenge...

There's always a stretched limousine to sweep her away from adoring fans, as the electronic pulse of one of her greatest hits, Private Dancer, is amplified over the public address system. There's no mistaking Tina Turner. Or is there? Try Marsha Rina Raven, a 28-year-old Detroit expatriate now based in West Hampstead, London. Raven — "A fresh young talent who came out of nowhere," as her proud agent puts it — symbolises an extraordinary, offbeat industry which has mushroomed in under a decade. For she is a Lookalike — one among 150 counterfeit celebrities discovered, nurtured and directed by one agency alone. Marsha Raven happens to be a real singer, which helps. She has built an entire act around Tina's hits. She says: "My voice is very like hers. I've just done a gig in Germany, singing over her backing tracks. The kids went wild. I guess some of them thought I was Tina." Exactly...

Behind last week's sad headlines on the death of Ray Kent, the troubled young Marilyn Monroe, 'twin' who appears to have taken her own life in the same way as her Hollywood idol, lies a strange business in which hundreds of men and women make a good living out of resembling the famous.

Every day of the week, somewhere around Britain, and in America you can find them, opening supermarkets, endorsing products, starring in commercials. A group of diverse mirror images of everyone from the Queen and Tina Turner, to the Pope and Joan Collins.

Of course, it's not enough for these doubles to look the part. They strive to be identical in every nuance: The angle of a curl, the fatness of a tie-knot, the lift of an eyebrow.

Tracey Amos, an agent with leading London agency, Lookalikes, admits: "We want twins who are also actors. They have to be the celebrity for as long as they're on show. Our Joan Collins, Barbara Kealey from Tulsa Hill, has the pout and the aura down pat. Babs gets into character ... even gets a bit terse and imperious if she's kept waiting."

Trait

It's a familiar trait with the finest Lookalikes. Jeanette Charles, the 62-year-old housewife who appears all over the world thanks to her uncanny resemblance to the Queen, confides without a trace of irony: "My home is rather beautiful ... very much in Her Majesty's style."

The phenomenon of doubles, isn't new. General Montgomery had a Nazi-looking double during World War II, so did General Eisenhower and on at least one occasion, Adolf Hitler. One of fiction's most enduring plots — powering many films — is

The Prisoner of Zenda, with a gallant commoner replacing his Ruritanian lookalike, the king.

The huge public appetite and its commercial exploitation are new, though. But why does this market exist? Why does the public, in vast numbers, turn out to see people whom they know to be fake?

Indeed in many cases, according to the agencies, people actually prefer the impersonator to the original article — in the same way that all of us sometimes respond to a bold caricature, rather than the human model.

And there's another 'human-nature' factor — the need to feel superior, find fault. Tracey Amos explains: "Lots of the audience, it could be half at some appearances, want to check out the lookalike and say that they don't look a bit like the real person."

"Obviously, the majority of any crowd does not think that the Queen is opening a video shop in a village hall. But foreigners do get fooled, no question." Jeanette Charles earns an average £400 per appearance, but has been paid many thousands for roles in films and TV commercials. She lives a comfortable life in a large, detached house near Chelmsford, Essex, and loves stepping into the royal persona.

But has she ever come face-to-face with her Majesty? "Not quite, but I will remember to my dying day the moment when I stood on the street as her official car drove through my town. For one fleeting second her eyes met mine — and I could see the shock in her face."

Occasionally, as in the bizarre fate of Ray Kent, the personalities of original and double can mesh; the imitator begins to submerge personal identity in that of the star. In some ways it is inevitable. To be a success, they must study their subject's physical mannerisms, speech pattern, clothes, lifestyle and psychology. For most, this identity-merging is strictly temporary. A happy accident wins them good money, flattering attention.

Last summer, 24-year-old John Kerr was a van-driver in Kent. Today he is George Michael's carbon copy, in constant demand. He has the mirror sunglasses, designer stubble and swaggering stance.

Giselle Burningham, Fergie's spitting image, got £1,000 last week out of five minutes' work for Spanish television. "Not appearing in a programme... but sitting in its studio audience. What's more, we were treated like visiting royalty," she says.

But then Lookalikes is new to Spain, where the gimmick is intriguing them so much that a dozen or so British doubles were hired to sit in with the "Duchess."

Cynics will hail the Lookalikes boom as a typical late-20th century development, the decadent fruit of an era in which shadow upstages substance and people of modest gifts can generate as much interest as the achievers whom they ape.



Queen Elizabeth: None other than Jeanette Charles



Madonna: the lookalike is Andrea Makoter



George Michael? The ex-Wham! wonder is van driver John Kerr



Princess Di and Charles: by royal imitators Julie Woodbridge and Peter Hugo



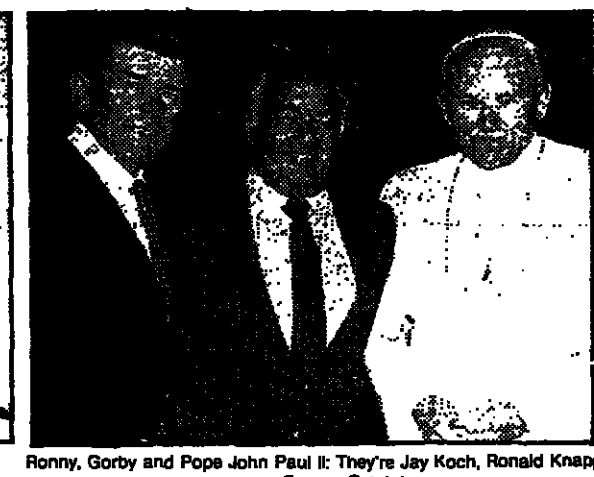
Fergie and Andrew? They're really Giselle Burningham and Keith Hempstock



Joan Collins alias Barbara Kealey



Bogart: here's looking at you, Kenny Whymark



Ronny, Gorbey and Pope John Paul II: They're Jay Koch, Ronald Knapp and Eugene Graytak

Where celebrity cast-offs get star treatment...

Whatever the period of a film or TV series, the clothes must look just right. Alex Molloy drops in on the people who supply them — and tries on a few celebrity cast-offs.

I SLIP, not quite effortlessly, into a pale pink Georgian dress that has last been worn by ex-Avenger and Bond girl Diana Rigg in the TV movie *A Hazard of Hearts*.

Next comes a Victorian creation in dark green, last seen on Glenda Jackson in *The Rainbow*, followed by a bright red Forties number — a cast-off from *The Dressmaker* starring Billie Whitelaw. I am in a magic world — the fitting rooms of Angels, a company which supplies authentic costumes for films and TV.

Their creations have already featured in films like *Scandal*, *Batman*, *The Last Emperor* and *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, as well as TV classics such as *The Jewel In The Crown*, *Brideshead Revisited* and *The Woman He Loved*.

This is a fashion-lover's fantasy come true — rail after rail of dresses from every period. And I have my pick of them all — clothes straight out of the Twenties, Thirties, Forties and right up to the present day. Some are hideous, some bizarre, others exquisite. There are hats, shoes, handbags and all kinds of underwear from Victorian bone corsets to Eighties underwired bras.

The company's chairman, 39-year-old Tim Angel explains: "Each film or TV production has a designer and they choose where they are going to go for the costumes. They may then come in and see me and we will discuss the production and the look that they want."

"The average TV or film would be divided up into three sections — men, women and uniforms, with one person assigned to each section. The designer would then meet up with the heads of each department and would decide what clothes would be worn."

"They would bring in the actor or the actress for fittings. If we haven't got what they want, we then buy it or make it."

The period stuff is very difficult to do because everything has to be completely authentic. We employ experts on different periods just to get it right. We also have a reference library."

What if the film required, for example, 500 Crimean War soldiers' uniforms? "First we would see if we had any in



Billie Whitelaw and co-star dress appropriately for the 'dressmaker'



Alex Molloy in a costume from the *Rainbow*.

stock." Tim. "If we didn't then we would try to recreate them as accurately as we could. We would start with the fabric, choosing a cloth as near to it as possible

in colour and weight.

"Then we'd have to deal with helmets, badges and everything else. We would design the stuff on the premises but it would be made outside."

"We often send to Italy for hats and to France for shoes. As an example, at the moment we are working on a big miniseries called *Till We Meet Again*. It ranges from about 1917 to the Fifties, so as well as all the changing fashions we also had to do a whole wodge of uniforms because it covers two World Wars."

"Before and after each war, uniforms changed a lot so we had to make them. The ones we had were too small because they were originals and people have got bigger over the years. So we had uniforms made in Austria for the Germans. We had French uniforms made here but the accessories came from France."

Different

"There would be different people making the trousers, the jackets, the shirts and the buttons. Then everything would go to the military expert and he would put it all together."

How much could a producer spend on costumes? "That's like saying, 'How long is a piece of string?'" says Tim. "Some productions have a huge budget, others a very tight one."

"If you are looking at a mini-series and dealing with maybe three or four thousand costumes at £60 or £70 hire fee, you could be looking at £180,000."

If the production is set in the present, they call may be for a designer dress. "We could go out and spend thousands on one," says Tim. "And again, if we had to make a spectacular dress, we might spend a lot of money on the material. It is very easy to spend a fortune."

"Some people just choose very expensive fabric. Some of the American superstar women only want designer stuff."

Once, when an American actress — who shall remain nameless — demanded only designer clothes, Angel stuck designer labels on ordinary dresses. The actress happily wore them and never suspected they were not what they seemed.

Most of Angel stock is kept in their main offices in London's Shaftesbury Avenue. Tragedy struck recently when an electrical fire, which started in the basement, spread and gutted three floors.

Incredibly, the staff of 80 didn't miss a single deadline and no stock was destroyed. Everything near the fire was blackened by the smoke but was saved. No matter what, if you have deadlines,



Joanna Whalley and Bridget Fonda don '60s style clothes to play Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice Davies in the film *Scandal*.

you just have to meet them," says Tim.

To try on that Diana Rigg pink silk Georgian number, I must first don a white cotton petticoat with a tight, a high-waisted bodice. Then comes the dress — yards and yards of cotton creating a picture of Regency splendour.

I slip my feet into flat leather shoes and a huge bonnet with a jaunty feather completes the picture. I have a little trouble with the belt. It seems Miss Rigg's waist is a little smaller than mine.

Next, a dark green, silk Victorian blouse and skirt. "This was last worn by Glenda Jackson," says the dresser.

By the time I am dressed, I feel as though I may fall through the floor from the weight of the petticoats and the bustle. I also have trouble walking in the little Victorian ankle-boots.

Now to try on a red Forties dress, little straw hat and sturdy shoes, designed for



The Dressmaker. Only the shoes seem ridiculous.

Afterwards I look through some of the costume rails and long to try on some of the ball dresses or even the beautiful satin and lace nightdresses and dressing gowns.

There are boxes of hats from the Sixties and Seventies. "Things from that period are becoming a lot harder to find," says Tim. "We really have to search these days if we want to find something that is original and up to our standard."

And the standards at Angels are high. The work that has gone into the pink Georgian dress is incredible. All the tiny velvet bows on the front had to be hand-stitched and the back is a mass of pleats.

"Angels has been going for nearly a century and a half," says the chairman proudly. "We have never let our standards drop and we never will."

Getting high on ecstasy

By Allison Havery

NEW YORK, (Reuters): Ecstasy, a psychedelic drug first popular in the 1960s has reappeared in New York nightclubs.

Users say it makes them feel happy, warm and sensual.

"I feel great when I take ecstasy. My worst enemy becomes my best friend," said one.

On any night there is a party somewhere in a smoke-filled club packed with young men and women swaying to the resonant sounds of "house music" and downing a drug they think has no harmful side effects.

The scene at one lower east side club on a recent night was typical. The pillow-filled lounges were packed with young people under a glare of psychedelic light.

They say close together touching and hugging, their faces lit with smiles. Some had their hands coated with white powder that they occasionally licked or mixed in water to drink.

The powder was methylene dioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), known as ecstasy.

Many drug experts say it is quickly becoming the drug of choice for New York City's affluent club youngsters.

Ecstasy, a man-made hallucinogen, has been dubbed the LSD of the 1980s. Users call the high it produces an "experience" although its effect is not as potent as that produced by LSD.

The drug is made in clandestine home laboratories and distributed by drug dealers who also sell heroin and cocaine. Police say it is easy to make.

A 23-year-old woman said she buys the drug once a month for \$10 to 30 dollars a dose. The effect lasts four to six hours.

"The high is great for a club. The energy is there for dancing and touching," she said. "The high is very enlightening. Ecstasy is a perfect name."

Ecstasy is illegal and the government puts it in the same category as cocaine and heroin.

Robert Stutman, New York director of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), says MDMA produces the same effects as LSD, such as paranoia and psychotic behaviour.

He said the drug is taken by the same group of people who used LSD in the 1960s: predominantly white, financially secure 18 to 24-year-olds.

"Ecstasy is a major problem out on the west coast ... here in New York the drug is used in small amounts by the young, rich yuppie crowds," he said.

MDMA has an advocate in Rick Doblin, a student at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government who says the drug is useful to psychotherapeutic research.

He says it has few side effects and there is not much proof of serious complications, a view many psychotherapists and drug experts dispute.

Doblin says ecstasy can be taken in a controlled setting, allowing the user to get in touch with a range of emotions that otherwise might remain repressed.

According to Doblin, who says the drug will be legal by the year 2000, "MDMA is one of the safest drugs, it is not particularly addictive, nor does it leave you feeling out of control. Drugs like MDMA act as a microscope into the mind. It teaches you and the doctor more about your psyche."

Lord Chalfont sets the record straight

The Sultan and I

Labelled the 'richest man in the world,' the Sultan of Brunei has been the subject of many highly speculative stories in the Western media. Lord Chalfont who has written a biography of the Sultan displays some of the myths surrounding the man.

By Kamila Ahmed

Q: The first and most obvious question is why did you decide to write the book?

A: I think the first reason is quite simply that having met the Sultan on a number of occasions in the last fifteen months, he comes across as quite a different person to the character he is made out to be by many Western journalists. It seemed to me to be a great shame that a man who has so many real qualities should have them all forgotten simply because of the rather more colourful parts of his life.

It seemed therefore right that the other side of the picture should be presented that those who know the Sultan of Brunei only from the relentless criticisms of a small group of hostile observers, should also know his method of government, his economic policies, his immense generosity to charitable organisations and, in passing, a little about Brunei Darussalam, the country he rules.

Q: Presumably much of that stems from the label he has been given "the richest man in the world". Is he very rich?

A: It is true that he is very rich and that he lives well and spends a great deal of money by anyone's standards. However it is also true to say and very important to know that he is a very serious ruler and a very serious politician who cares deeply about his people. He also has to fulfil the very demanding roles of being head of state, prime minister and the religious leader of his country.

But coming back to his wealth, he points out that if the figure popularly attributed to his worth — \$25 billion — were anywhere near accurate, it would have to include all the national assets of

Brunei.

Q: Yes, but part of the problem is that most people tend to assume that the country's wealth and his wealth are one and the same thing — is there any difference?

A: Yes — there is a definite dividing line between revenues from oil and gas allocated for use by the government and his personal wealth. In fact, in recent years he has even set up the Brunei Investment Agency, which is independently responsible for investing any surplus income to help to safeguard the fortunes of the country once the oil and gas reserves run out — estimated to be some time after the year 2000.

Q: If we take his investments, he does in the past seem to have taken advice from some very strange people. Are these associations likely to continue?

A: I think he would admit himself that he realises that sometimes his choice of associates or advisors has been unwise. That has now changed and he only operates through independent professional advisors now.

Q: There was one of his so-called advisors, who has proved to be a really weird person, called the Swami. How did the Sultan become involved with him?

A: Well in fact the Sultan told me that he only ever met the Swami once and even then only for a short time. However, the Swami then represented himself as being a great friend of the Sultan's spiritual adviser. But, as the Sultan told me in a rather amused way it is really rather bizarre that a Hindu should set himself up as being the spiritual adviser to a very devout Muslim.

Q: He is really a devout Muslim?

A: Yes, very much so, although he has a prayer room in the palace, he makes a practice of visiting a different mosque most



His majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Wad-Daulah, the 29th Sultan of Brunei.

Fridays for prayers and attends all the important religious occasions. In 1987, he completed the haj with his youngest brother, Prince Mohamed and Prince Jefri.

Q: What is the Sultan like as a man? He gives the impression that he is bewildered by the image of himself and the obsession of the Western press about his wealth?

A: Yes, he just does not understand why it is that people focus so much on his personal wealth and personal habits, when he is in fact a very serious ruler who spends a great deal of time with his people. Although he is a quiet and shy person he is also a man of great courtesy with an open, friendly manner and an engaging sense of humour.

He is a man committed to the social and economic development of his country.

Q: What is he like as a family man?

A: He has two families — six children by his first wife, Her Majesty Raja Isteri and three by his second wife, Her Royal High-

ness Pengiran Isteri. In true Muslim tradition he divides his time equally between the two families. On state occasions both wives attend and on state visits outside the country takes each wife alternately.

Q: And how does he relax?

A: Well he is a qualified pilot and flies his own Boeing 757 as well as his helicopter. As you know he also used to play a great deal of polo, but nowadays only plays infrequently. He takes the view that at the age of 42, polo gets a bit demanding. But he now plays a great deal of badminton and squash and certainly keeps himself very fit.

Q: Can you sum up his ambitions for Brunei Darussalam?

A: I think he is keen to bring Brunei what is best from the Western world, whilst at the same time retaining some of the historic culture and traditions of Brunei. He is also committed to investing the surplus revenues from the oil and gas resources for the benefit of future generations of Bruneians.

Prefers Bible classes to dating

Chang: tennis' latest superkid

By Noreen Taylor

WHEN Michael Chang realised on the night of June 11 that victory was within his grasp, and that at the age of 17 he was about to win the French Open, he returned to a woman in the crowd.

She's the only woman in his young life, his mother, Betty Chang.

He turned to her, smiled and triumphantly raised both his arms in the air. It was his way of saying thank you. Thank you for making the sacrifices that have taken me so far. Thank you for putting your own life on the back shelf while devoting everything to mine.

Michael's parents have moved house three times and travelled thousands of miles so their talented son could be close to the best tennis competition.

"My parents," he says, "have never forced me to do anything except take my vitamins. I could quit tennis tomorrow and they'd stand by. They'd be proud of me if I became a dustman, and I'm grateful."

The new star of the tennis world has much to be grateful for.

For a start, he is well-mannered and humble, a courteous contrast to the yobish American players of the past decade.

He is short for a tennis player, only 5ft 8in, with a cute little face, and eyes that show bewilderment at the attention being showered on him.

Obsession

During the French Open in Paris he beat both the world's No. 1, Ivan Lendl, and the current Wimbledon champion, Stefan Edberg.

After beating Lendl he confessed to being almost paralysed with cramp. In fact, he was so exhausted he had to be carried back to the dressing room.

This obsession with winning against all the odds is not the only passion in Michael's life.



Michael Chang: well-mannered and humble

The other one is his new found faith in God and the Chinese Christian Church Of One Thousand Oaks in California. When he had recovered from his Lendl victory Michael faced a gathering of the world's tennis press and told them: "I prayed to the Good Lord for help and the cramp suddenly went away."

"I know people are getting sick of me saying this, but I have to give Jesus Christ all the credit for anything that has happened in my life."

Actually, Michael discovered God last year. He was sitting around at home when he saw a Bible on one of the book shelves.

"I began to read," he says. "And the more I read the more curious I became. I wanted to learn everything about God. Now I know I am here for a purpose. When I lose it's like God telling me I need to work at things."

He is only too aware of the cynicism and mockery that greets these pronouncements. "When I mention the reason I've done so well I can see the panic spreading across the faces of the tennis writers."

Michael has a similar reaction when tennis groupies or discos are mentioned in his presence.

He says, "Sometimes my

brother, Carl, will tell me that a girl is looking at me, maybe she likes me. But it's hard for me to go up to a girl I don't know and ask her to a movie. I'm inexperienced in those situations."

He intends to remain that way. He prefers Bible classes to dating, and insists sex is something he will share only with the girl he marries.

According to his grandmother, that kind of self-discipline began when he was eight months old.

Daylight saving time had pushed his 6 am feed back an hour and his grandmother refused to give him a bottle at the accustomed time. "I'm sticking to the clock and going back to sleep," she told the baby in the cot.

Hungry

As hungry as Michael was, he refused to cry. Instead he stuck his thumb into his mouth and sucked until the hour had passed.

His grandmother remembers: "He is a very special person. At such a tender age he knew what it was to be considerate."

On the tennis circuit Michael's family are so close they have been nicknamed the Chang Gang.

His father, Joe, a research chemist and Michael's chief

coach, emigrated to New York from Taiwan in 1966 where he met his wife Betty. The daughter of a Chinese diplomat.

Joe taught himself to play tennis in 1974 and began teaching his two sons when Michael was seven and Carl nine.

Almost from the beginning he understood that his younger son had the talent to become a remarkable player.

They sold the house in Hoboken and moved across country to St Paul, Minnesota, in search of fresh tennis competition for Michael.

After Michael had walked off with all the local junior trophies in Minnesota, Joe and Betty decided to head for southern California.

Jobs and schools were changed — they even took a second mortgage out on their house to finance Michael's travels.

Betty, the proud smiling mother, explains: "A mother will move many times for the sake of her child. Once the competition is gone it's time to move on."

The investment has paid off. Last year the Michael won a multi-million dollar deal with Reebok shoes. But little else has changed within the Chang household.

Betty is still his travelling companion. She makes him dumplings, sews his shorts, screens his telephone calls and teaches him Chinese.

When decisions have to be made, the four family members sit down together, each with an equal vote.

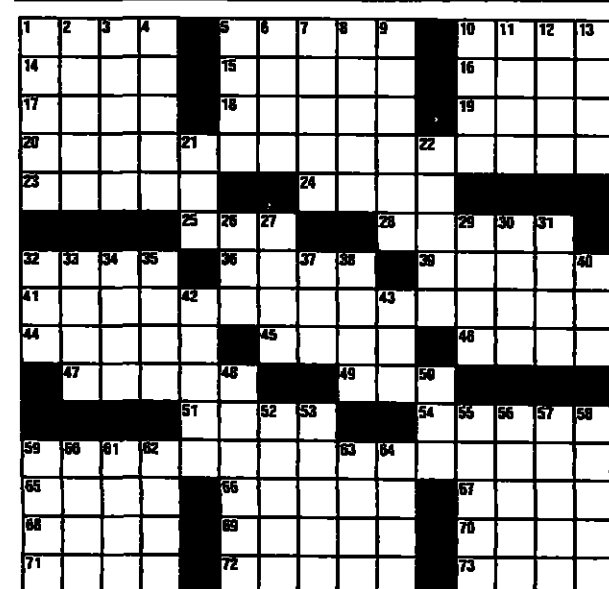
They decide everything, from the tournaments Michael should play in to the interviews he should grant.

It's all very subtle. Meticulously planned, and very Chinese.

Like two scientists breeding a culture in a test tube, Michael's parents have created a champion.

Michael's only form of rebellion so far is to claim that it's all down to God.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Nanking nanny
 - Bath powders
 - GI offense
 - Castor's mother
 - Accustom
 - Tibetan monk
 - Type of exam
 - Black or
 - Valentine
 - Paradise
 - Temporarily
 - Edgy
 - 24 Ten: Prefix
 - 25 "— as a wet hen"
 - 28 Beth's predecessor
 - 32 Court proceedings
 - 36 SoHo residence
 - 39 Spirit of a people
 - 41 Chamberlain's false hope
 - 44 Playful fisher
 - 45 Fort near Washington, D.C.
 - 46 Thanks —
 - 47 Ameliorates
 - 49 Genetic material, for short
 - 51 One can flag these
 - 54 Animal or horse lead-in
 - 59 Be a fritterer
 - 65 Part of QED
 - 66 Yale Bowl, e.g.
 - 67 Phone
 - 68 Pay
 - 69 Respond to stimuli
 - 70 Gaelic
 - 71 Traffic sign
 - 72 Gazetteer
 - 73 Roe doe
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Capital of ancient Ethiopia
 - 3 Doesn't give —
 - 4 Pulls up
 - 5 Tad: Var.
 - 6 Med. school course
 - 7 Sensational
 - 8 — de menthe
 - 9 Tribe or lake
 - 10 Sheltered
 - 11 Mideast gully
 - 12 Portent
 - 13 Fr. or Lat.
 - 14 Border
 - 15 Haying device
 - 16 Landon of Kansas
 - 17 Predesire
 - 18 Miss Kett
 - 19 Donahue
 - 20 — sapiens
 - 21 GI address
 - 22 Whale
 - 23 So long, in Soho
 - 24 Tennis winners
 - 25 Stir —
 - 26 — the mark
 - 27 Coterie
 - 28 Build
 - 29 Coffee-maker
 - 30 N African desert
 - 31 Lemon additive
 - 32 Tam
 - 33 Pile
 - 34 Tote
 - 35 Cognizant
 - 36 Untrue
 - 37 "Tippecanoe and —, too"
 - 38 Church seats
 - 39 Smell — (suspect)
 - 40 E. Indian palm
 - 41 Choreographer's concern
 - 42 Quechuan
 - 43 Wanderer of tennis

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BALSA MIG SWAB
AMARS ANOA TIRIO
HOCUSPOCUS ELITS
RENEE OGPU LUS
SIS MEIR YEN
DEW STEPREIN
OMAR RAVE DIAL
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

FIND THE SAFE WAY

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q
♥ K J 10 7 5
♦ A 9 2
♣ J 6 4 3

WEST
♠ 10 9 6
♥ Q 9 3 2
♦ Q 5 3
♣ A 10 5

EAST
♠ J 8 5 4 3 2
♥ 8 4
♦ 6
♣ Q 9 7 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 7
♥ A 6
♦ K J 10 8 7 4
♣ K 8

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass
4 ♦ Pass 5 ♦ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠

Study only the North-South cards. There is a line that virtually guarantees the contract. Can you spot it?

No one would say a word about South's jump to two no trump if he had a low club instead of a sixth diamond. With a hand that is, to all intents, balanced, we endorse South's action wholeheartedly. It did, however, create a problem for North. Since the spade suit might have been inadequately stopped, he showed his diamond support in the hope of eliciting a heart preference. Unfortunately this vaulted his side into five diamonds instead of the

superior three no trump. West led the ten of spades against five diamonds.

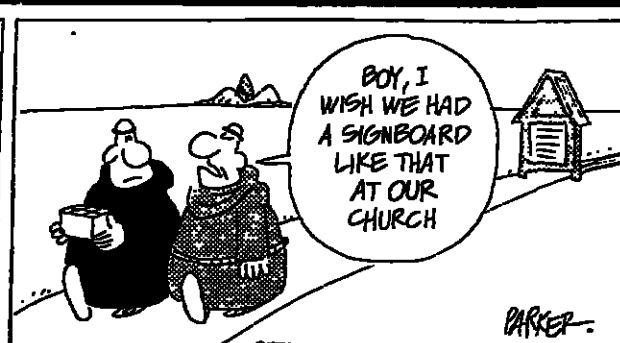
Declarer won West's spade lead in dummy and tried an avoidance play of leading a diamond to the ten. West won and returned a trump to dummy's nine. Now declarer still had to guess how to make the hand. He took a reasonable shot by cashing the ace-king of hearts and ruffing a heart in an attempt to drop the queen. When nothing good happened, he returned to dummy with the ace of trumps and led a club to the king. Down one.

There is a line that guarantees the contract as long as trumps are no worse than 3-1 and hearts 4-2. Win the spade and cash the king of diamonds. Now take the ace-king of hearts and lead a third heart. If East is short in hearts and ruffs high, he discards a club loser and claim. All you'll lose are the ruff and a club trick. If East discards, you ruff, cross to the ace of diamonds and ruff another heart to set up a long card. You get back to the table by ruffing a spade and a club goes away on the long heart.

Suppose East follows to the third heart. Ruff with the seven and, if hearts are 3-3, draw another round of trumps and claim! If West overruffs, the two trumps in dummy are both entries to set up and use the long heart. If West cannot or refuses to overruff, continue as above. Either way, you're home.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be more likely to get into a muddle and must take greater care. The Moon's better influence will help you to show some initiative. Try not to get into an argument. Be moderate.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You are more liable to make mistakes and should be on the lookout for them. This is an important day for you so do your utmost to avoid putting a foot wrong. Take just a little more exercise. Be sensible.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

This is the right moment to deal with a financial problem. You should be a little more sympathetic towards a friend who is in some trouble. Avoid eating too many sweet things. Be attentive.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Your affections should not be concealed too heavily. Do what you think is right but what you hope might not be wrong. Try to express yourself a little more clearly. Be less excitable.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will have what seems like a good idea but the time is not yet ripe for it. You will have to be a little more patient and indulgent when dealing with a rather nervous person.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You should not do anything to upset the harmony with your partner. Do not allow some small matters to take up too much of your time. A good opportunity could be missed unless you act really promptly. Be careful.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will be able to make good progress at work but only if you concentrate hard. Your mood is not the best so try not to get into any sort of argument. Show a little forbearance when dealing with older people. Be less snobbish.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You should not allow work to take up all your time totally neglecting your personal affairs. You should not believe all you hear, but there is no reason to be utterly sceptical. Make sure you eat a balanced diet and drink only moderately.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will tend to run out of enthusiasm and should try hard to rekindle it. You would do well to stick to what is strictly practical. Make sure you do not leave any letters unanswered. Be tolerant.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will have a lot to do and will tend to get into something of a muddle. You should make sure you do not squander time and energy on some triviality. Your lucky numbers are 34 and 9. Take a little better care of your health.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will have something to be pleased about but do not rest on your laurels. Listen to others and do not be so fond of the sound of your own voice. Take great care when on the road. Be selective.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

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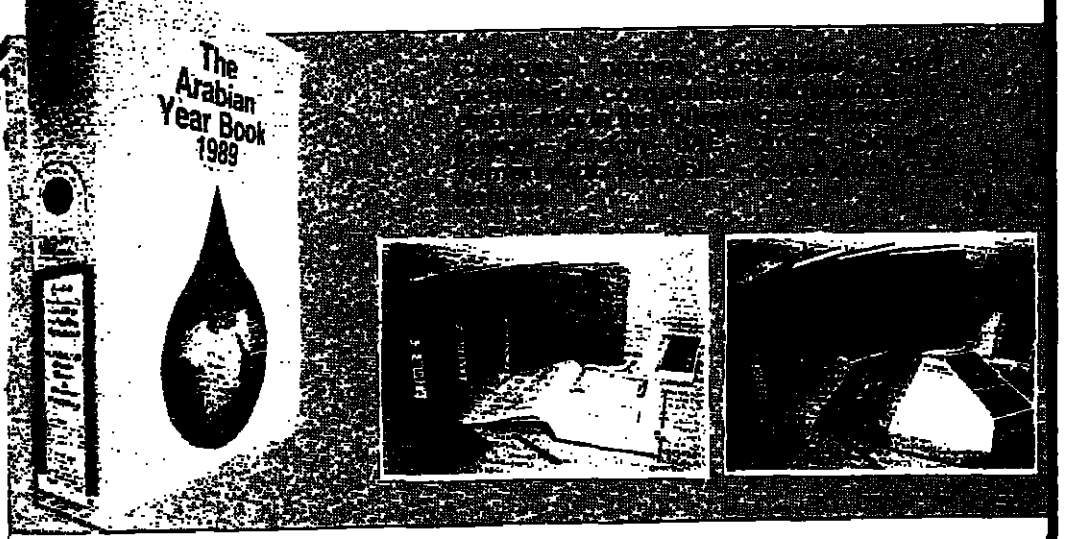
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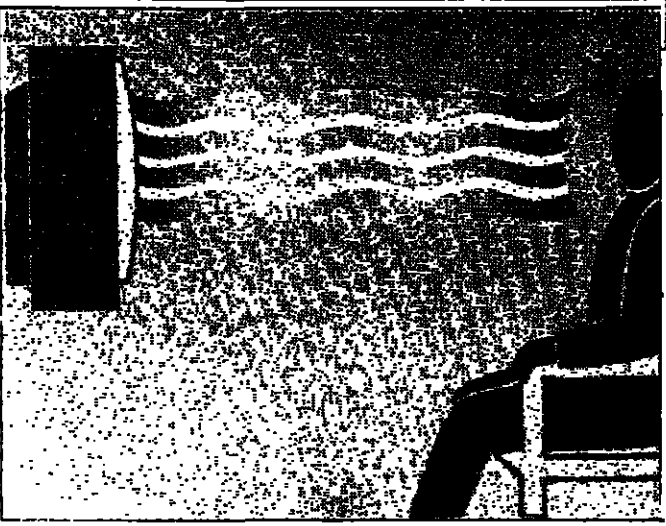
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Gonzalez outpoints S. Korean

SEOUL, June 25, (Reuters): Mexican Humberto Gonzalez captured the World Boxing Council (WBC) light-flyweight title by outpointing a unanimous points decision over holder Lee Yut-Woo of South Korea today.

The hard-punching Mexican had a clear edge in skill, speed and power over Lee in their 12-round fight in Chongju.

He took command of the fight in the seventh round when he rocked Lee with a formidable combination to the body and then went on to pile up points with a barrage of often unanswerable blows.

The South Korean was making his first defence of the title he won by stopping another Mexican, German Torres, last March.

Unbeaten Gonzalez's triumph improved his professional record to 24 wins, 20 by knockouts, but he had to lift his performance in the second half of the bout.

The South Korean had the best of their exchanges in the early rounds and led on points at the end of the sixth round, but his left eye was almost closed by the eighth after receiving a repeated pummeling from Gonzalez' straight punches and uppercuts.

Pumas struggle to overcome tough Italians

BUENOS AIRES, June 25, (Reuters): Argentina made hard work of beating Italy 21-16 in a rugby union international yesterday and will need to show a vast improvement if they are to seriously test the All Blacks next month.

The Pumas, who leave next week for their nine-match tour of New Zealand, were lethargic in the back and disorganised among the backs, especially in the first half and were trailing 10-9 at the interval.

The fire that has seen them topple France and Australia on the same Velez Sarsfield ground in the last two years was missing until near the end.

Italy had shocked Argentina with a try by prop Renato de Bernardi midway through the first half and it was only when their number eight Gustavo Milano went over in the 57th minute that the Pumas went ahead.

The Italians went into the international with four victories and one defeat against provincial teams on what is their first tour of Argentina.

Maguire to play for Australia

SYDNEY, June 25, (Reuters): Queensland's Dominic Maguire has been chosen ahead of New South Wales centre Darren Juncie in the Australian Rugby Union side to meet the British Lions in Sydney next Saturday.

Maguire is the only surprise selection in a XV which will be captained by scrumhalf Nick Farr-Jones.

Two other uncapped players, also both from Queensland have been included. They are prop Dan Crowley and fullback Greg Martin.

Canizales stops Seabrooks in 11th round

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, June 25, (UPI): Orlando Canizales closed Kelvin Seabrooks' right eye with left hooks and continued to pound away until he stopped his half-blind opponent in the 11th round last night to retain his International Boxing Federation bantamweight title.

Canizales' victory in the scheduled 12-round bout was his second knockout

triumph over Seabrooks within 11 months. Canizales stopped Seabrooks in the 15th round last July to win his title.

Like the first bout, yesterday's fight was non-stop action. Canizales opened an early lead with quick left hooks to the body and head but Seabrooks rallied with right leads that shook the champion.

"It was a war," Canizales summed up

afterward. "Every time we fight it's a war," Seabrooks agreed.

Seabrooks' nose was bloodied in the second round and his eye began closing in the sixth. By the start of the ninth, Seabrooks' right eye was shut and he was an easy mark for any left hooks thrown by

Canizales. By the end of the 10th round Seabrooks was obviously hurt, and Canizales gave him little time to recover at the start of the 11th. He drove Seabrooks to the ropes and landed hooks at will. Finally, a helpless Seabrooks turned to referee Steve Smoger and asked him to stop the bout. Smoger ended it 45 seconds into the round.

Harding captures world title

Referee saves Andries from being knocked out

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., June 25, (Reuters): Jeff Harding, his face covered with blood, became the first Australian to win the World Boxing Council light heavyweight title when he stopped Briton Dennis Andries in the 12th round last night.

The little-known Australian, trailing on the scoring of all three judges, twice floored an exhausted Andries with left-right combinations in the final round and moved in to try to finish off the defending champion when American referee Joe Cortez stopped the fight at 1:23.

In only his 15th professional fight, Harding, 24, looked more like the loser after standing up to repeated pummeling from Andries' right jabs and uppercuts.

"I think Dennis hit me in the 10th and broke my nose. I felt it go. My left eye went in the first and my right eye in the 12th.

"I was not born looking like this," said the battered champion after his startling triumph.

There was no fancy footwork and little boxing technique on display as the two slugged it out toe-to-toe for most of the fight.

Harding was knocked down for the first time in his career in the fifth round but returned for more punishment after an eight count.

The Australian held on despite the beating he was taking and continued to press his body attack, counter-punching to the Briton's midsection.

In the latter rounds Harding's constant body punching took its



Andries (right) and Harding trade punches. (Reuters wirephoto)

toll on Andries. "In the eighth round Dennis' petrol level was getting a little low," Harding said. "I knew it was close and I had to pick up the tempo."

Harding had Andries in trouble against the ropes in the 11th round but appeared to lack the power to finish off the champion. In the final round however, Harding came out with renewed determination and had Andries on the canvas for the first time in the opening seconds.

"Coming into the 12th round I just had to get out there and dig, dig, dig," Harding said.

Ironically, Harding, was a last minute replacement for the number one rated challenger, Canadian Donny Lalonde, who

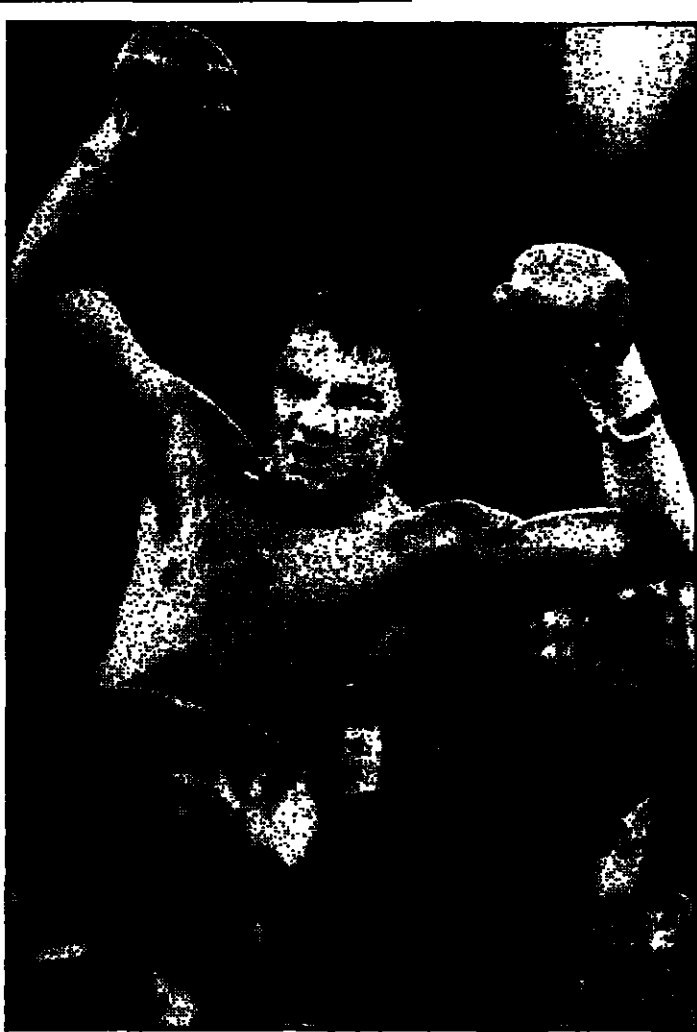
unexpectedly retired last month. Andries, 35, who dismissed the age difference as having no bearing on the fight, said he had never heard of his opponent.

"I knew nothing about Jeff Harding which was a big mistake on my behalf. The man was a mystery. I know now that the man is tough, really tough," Andries said.

Andries' record fell to 34-8-2, while Harding is 15-0 with 14 opponents stopped inside the distance.

Andries, a native of Guyana who grew up in London and lives in Detroit, weighed 175 (79.3 kg) and Harding 174 1-2 (79.15 kg).

Harding is the stablemate of Australian WBC featherweight champion Jeff Fenech.



Harding is hoisted above the crowd after his victory. (Reuters wirephoto)

Big team effort behind top Arab driver's challenge

Bin Sulayem set for Turkish Rally

WHEN Mohammed Bin Sulayem's Winston Toyota Celica GT-4 rolls off the starting ramp in the Gunaydin Turkish International Rally on Friday, the Arab world's No. 1 driver will be primed for one of the most determined efforts of his career.

Istanbul's Ayasofya Square will be awash with spectators as the European championship event gets under way within sight of the city's famous Blue Mosque and its six minarets, and Sulayem is assured of a rousing send-off.

The style and tenacity he has displayed in pursuit of the Gunaydin title has won him the admiration and respect of the Turkish people, who would love to see the UAE star succeed where fate denied him victory in 1986, and again last year.

With previous mechanical mishaps buried from his thoughts, the Middle East champion has returned to the crossroads of East and West saying:



The team getting Sulayem's car ready.

"I feel good. The people here always give me a great welcome, and a lot of encouragement. I am very keyed up for this rally — I want to win it."

So do the other 11 members of the Winston Toyota Team Middle East currently based just outside Istanbul, among them Irish

co-driver Ronan Morgan — fresh from a second place in the recent Scottish International Rally — and manager Terry Plant.

Plant has masterminded each of Sulayem's three successive Middle East title triumphs — and planned every detail of his

previous European excursions — from the team's busy headquarters behind the Toyota showrooms of Al Futtaim Motors in Dubai.

The logistics of getting a rally team to the next event are often complicated, and on this occasion low bridges spread across Bulgaria threatened the progress of the team's giant trailer.

"We had to plan a detour through Greece — things are rarely straightforward in rallying," said Plant. Detour negotiated, the trailer arrived in Turkey carrying the rally car, practice car, three service vans, a chase car, dozens of tyres and a multitude of spare parts, with a workshop facility completing the load.

Now there are only the Lancias, Peugeots, Audis and Renaults to worry about in a starting line-up of around 70 cars.

Furlong takes top spot after three rounds

WILMINGTON, Del., June 25, (Reuters): Shirley Furlong held the lead heading into the final round of a tournament on the US Women's Tour for the first time in her career after carding a five-under-par 66 yesterday.

Furlong stood at 12-under-par 201 for a four-stroke margin over second round leader Betsy King at the \$550,000 LPGA golf tournament.

King managed only an even-par 71 and was alone in second place at 205. Pat Bradley, who also shot even-par, and Deborah McHaffie, who posted a 69, were tied for third place, five shots behind Furlong.

On another rain-marred day, Furlong played just three holes on the water-logged greens of the Du Pont Country Club course before officials halted play.

"I was glad they called the day because I had just bogeyed the 355-yard, par-4 third," said Furlong.

Karpov finishes second

Timman wins chess tourney

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, June 25, (AP): Holland's Jan Timman scored an easy win against US grandmaster Yasser Seirawan in final-round action to take the \$20,000 first prize in the fifth World Cup chess tournament here yesterday.

Former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union, who had been leading the standings throughout most of the tournament and shared the top spot with Timman at the outset of the last round, went down against Britain's John Nunn and had to settle for the \$15,000 second prize.

Seirawan, who played white in a queen's Indian, had prepared a new line for the important game against Holland's best grandmaster, but decided against it behind the board.

"Timman was so self-assured, it seemed he looked right through me," Seirawan said after the game.

"I feared he would refute my theoretical novelty without any trouble, so I played a different line instead," he added.

But improvising did not help white's game either, and when Seirawan made a positional blunder after missing a chance to force a repetition of moves, he lost an exchange at his 22nd.

The game went on for another two hours, but Seirawan never got another chance to get back into the contest and finally resigned at his 41st.

By then, three other last-round games had long since ended peacefully.

Iceland's Johann Hjartarson and Arthur Yusupov of the Soviet Union stopped the clock after a mere 15 moves, while Jesus Nogueiras and Andrei Sokolov managed the same result in three moves less.

Raphael Vaganian of the Soviet Union and Hungary's Lajos Portisch improved even on that, calling it a day after just 11 moves. Karpov, meanwhile, had reached a drawish position with black in a Ruy Lopez against Nunn.

But as the former world champion needed a win to catch up with Timman, he tried to keep the game alive with a series of complicating moves.

He would have done better to settle for the half point, but having lost his games in the two previous rounds, he was resolved to finish the tournament in style, fighting till the end.

While Karpov was continuing his struggle against Nunn, his compatriot Valery Salov got the better of Britain's Nigel Short, who went down with black in a Catalan game.

Like Karpov, the former British child prodigy made an all-out effort to go for a win but got nowhere, losing two pawns in an offensive that soon fizzled out.

Salov coasted to victory in an easy end game that lasted until the 43rd.

Another final-round winner was Jaan Ehivest of the Soviet Union, who downed Hungary's Gyula Sax in a French game with black.

Sax overestimated his chances in a kingside attack that looked promising but turned out to be premature.

Ehivest countered with a nicely calculated queen's sacrifice that made a shambles out of white's position and produced a convincing win at the 40th.

That left Karpov and Nunn the only players in the tournament hall, where some three hundred spectators were watching in awed silence as the former world champion went from bad to worse.

Forty-two moves into the game, Karpov had to give up a piece to stop a white pawn from reaching its promotion square, and by then it was clear he was going to lose his third game in a row.

But Karpov fought on, much to the dismay of the tournament organisers who had to postpone the prize awarding ceremony, first for one, and then for two hours.

The unavoidable end came at long last after 81 moves and almost eight hours of continuous play, when Karpov stood to lose another piece or go mate.

"It was my most difficult game in this whole tournament," said Nunn with a sigh of relief after analysing the contest for another half hour with the former world champion.

Karpov should have resigned some forty moves earlier. He just played on because he could not accept defeat psychologically," explained Dutch master Gert Ligterink.

"Of course, his rivalry with (reigning world champion Gary) Kasparov had a lot to do with it, too," he added.

Burroughs moves ahead

OAKVILLE, Ontario, June 25, (Reuters): Clark Burroughs played the finest round of his two-year professional career yesterday and took a two-stroke lead after three rounds of the Canadian Open golf championship.

The former US collegiate golf champion shot an eight-under-par 64 for a 54-hole total of 17-under-par 199 at the Glen Abbey Golf Club.

Second round leader Steve Jones was alone in second place at 15-under-par 201 after a two-under 70. He recovered from a

triple bogey at the 13th hole by finishing his round with three consecutive birdies.

Jim Gallagher and Lon Hinkle were tied for third place at 13-under-par 203, while Mark Calcavecchia was alone at 204.

United States Open champion Curtis Strange double bogged the first hole, but managed to play an even-par 72 and was in a group of 10 players, including Jack Nicklaus, Les Trevino and defending champion Ken Green, seven strokes behind the leader at 206.

Walton takes Irish Open lead

DUBLIN, June 25, (Reuters): Spectacular birdies on the final two holes gave Philip Walton a two-shot lead over Welshman Ian Woosnam after the third round of the Irish Open yesterday.

To roars of delight from the partisan Portmarnock crowd, the soft-spoken Irishman birdied the 474-yard 17th after hitting a three-iron approach shot into a stiff wind within a yard of the flag and then chipped in from the edge of the green at the last.

Walton, who was thrown off the course by the Portmarnock secretary when putting in some winter practice on the course as a teenager, finished 10-under on 206 after his round of 69.

Walton said that he had been told by the captain of another club, also a member at Portmarnock, that he could practise on the course.

"I had been doing that for about three weeks when the secretary discovered me on the course,

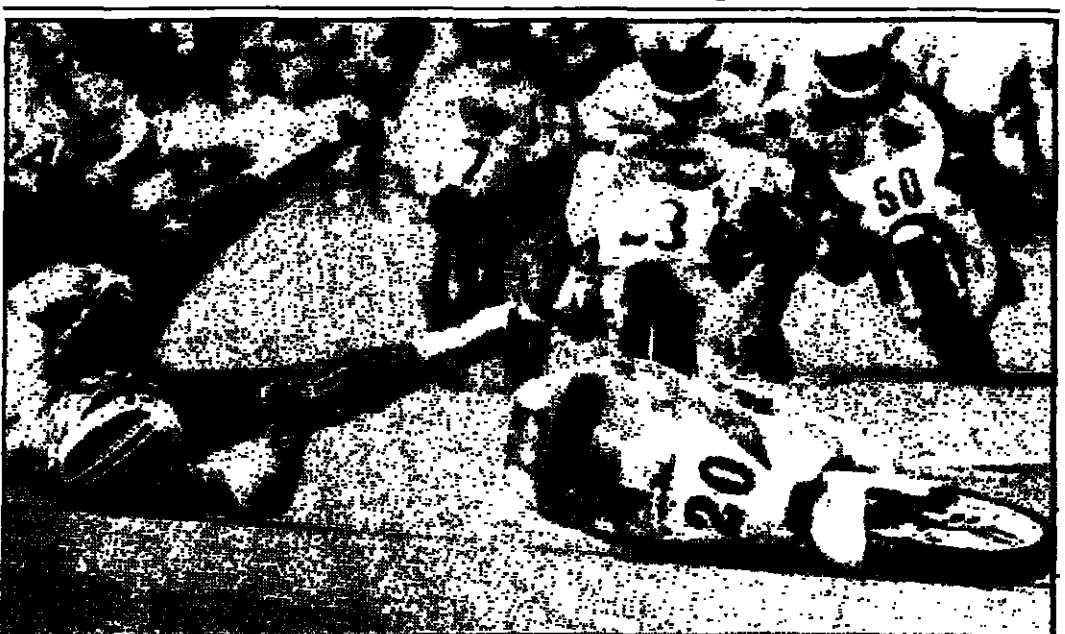
asked who I was and told me to leave," he said. "I got straight on my bike and cycled away."

"But it's different now. I am very welcome here." After shooting a one-under 71, Woosnam, joint runner-up in the US Open on Sunday, said: "If he chips and putts as well tomorrow, Phil will be hard to beat."

Zimbabwe's Mark McNulty, relishing the challenge provided by the wind, was a shot further back on 209 after a 71. "The wind didn't bother me. It sorts out the men from the boys," he said.

Scott Sandy Lyle, whose hopes of ending a nightmare three months were boosted when he broke the 29-year-old course record with a 64 in the first round, trailed Walton by five shots after a 74.

He three-putted the 16th and did the same on the 18th after missing from 18 inches.



Dutch Grand Prix

Jose Saez of Spain falls from his motorcycle in the closing minutes of the 80cc race of the Dutch Motorcycling Grand Prix in Assen, the Netherlands, on Saturday. Saez did not suffer any serious injury. (Reuters wirephoto)

Stewart helps Oakland outclass Toronto

Los Angeles take Cincinnati to task

OAKLAND, California, June 25, (AP): Dave Stewart pitched a four-hitter to become the first 12-game winner in the American League this season and Rickey Henderson hit his first homer since being traded back to Oakland, leading the Athletics past the Toronto Blue Jays 7-1 yesterday.

Stewart, 12-3, shares the Major League lead in victories with San Francisco's Rick Reuschel. He struck out six and walked none.

Henderson celebrated his 10th year in the Majors with a fifth-inning solo homer, his fourth of the season, off Dave Stieb, 7-4. Henderson made his Major League debut with Oakland on June 24, 1979.

He was traded to the New York Yankees after the 1984 season and was traded from the Yankees back to Oakland on Wednesday.

In other games in the American League: Minnesota 6, Boston 2; Minnesota 11, Boston 2; New York 12, Kansas City 5; Cleveland 7, Texas 3; Chicago 5, Milwaukee 3; Seattle 3, Detroit 1; California 8, Baltimore 3.

Red Sox 6, Twins 2.

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Dwight Evans, Mike Greenwell and Nick Esasky drove in four runs each as the Boston Red Sox snapped a hitting slump with 10 doubles and swept a day-night doubleheader from the Minnesota Twins, 6-2 and 11-2.

Yankees 12, Royals 5.

Mel Hall hit a Grand Slam before one batter had been



Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose watches his team in action. (Reuters wirephoto)

retired in the first inning and the New York Yankees cruised to a 12-5 thrashing of the Kansas City Royals.

Indians 3, Rangers 3.

Joe Carter became the first player this season to hit three home runs in a game as the Cleveland Indians used the long ball exclusively to beat the Texas Rangers 7-3. Greg Swindell, 10-1, was the winner.

White Sox 5, Brewers 3.

Bill Long, making his first start since being recalled from the minors two days ago, won his first game in nearly two months,

and Ivan Calderon homered as the Chicago White Sox beat the Milwaukee Brewers 5-3.

Mariners 3, Tigers 1.

Scott Bankhead, the winner in Seattle's last victory on June 18, won his third straight game as the Mariners halted a four-game losing streak with a 3-1 triumph over the Detroit Tigers.

Angels 8, Orioles 3.

California left-hander Chuck Finley struck out a career-high 15 as he snapped a personal four-game losing streak with an 8-3 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Dodgers 10, Reds 3.

The Los Angeles Dodgers, last in the Major League with a .227 team batting average, had season highs in hits and runs to back Fernando Valenzuela's fourth straight victory in a 10-3 rout of the Cincinnati Reds.

Valenzuela, 4-5, had two of the Dodgers' 17 hits and scored twice. Alfredo Griffin led the assault with three hits and two RBIs, and was 6-for-9 with four doubles in the first two games of the series. Every Los Angeles starter had at least one hit.

Valenzuela, who gave up nine hits in six innings, was lifted for pinch hitter Franklin Stubbs, who homered off Cincinnati reliever Kent Tekulve following a two-out double by Griffin in the seventh. Tim Lincecum worked the last three innings for his first save.

Tim Lincecum, 2-2, took the loss. Elsewhere in the National League, Montreal 5, Chicago 0; New York 4, Philadelphia 2; Houston 5, Atlanta 4; Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 2; San Francisco 3, San Diego 1.

Expos 5, Cubs 0.

Kevin Gross pitched a three-hitter and drove in a run to spark a five-run fifth inning as Montreal beat Chicago.

Mets 4, Phillies 2.

Ron Darling hit his first Major League homer and allowed two runs and six hits in 6-3 innings as New York beat Philadelphia.

Astros 5, Braves 4.

Terry Puhl's run-scoring single snapped an eighth-inning tie

and Mike Scott won his 12th game as Houston rallied to beat Atlanta.

Pirates 5, Cardinals 2.

Bob Walk came off the disabled list yesterday and helped Pittsburgh beat St. Louis in a game that featured a record-breaking performance by the Cardinals' Vince Coleman. Giants 3, Padres 1.

Will Clark's two-run triple in the eighth inning off San Diego relief ace Mark Davis rallied San Francisco past the Padres, extending the Giants' winning streak to seven games.

Standings				
American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	41	30	.577	—
Toronto	36	37	.493	6
New York	35	37	.486	6 1/2
Boston	34	36	.486	6 1/2
Cleveland	34	38	.472	7 1/2
Milwaukee	34	40	.459	8 1/2
Detroit	27	44	.380	14
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	45	29	.608	—
Kansas City	42	30	.583	2
California	41	30	.577	2 1/2
Texas	40	32	.556	4
Minnesota	36	37	.493	8 1/2
Seattle	33	41	.446	12
Chicago	29	46	.387	16 1/2

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	40	32	.556	—
New York	38	32	.543	1
Montreal	39	34	.534	1 1/2
St. Louis	36	34	.514	3
Pittsburgh	28	41	.406	10 1/2
Philadelphia	24	45	.348	14 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	45	28	.616	—
Houston	41	32	.562	4
Cincinnati	39	33	.542	5 1/2
Los Angeles	36	36	.500	8 1/2
San Diego	35	40	.467	11
Atlanta	29	43	.403	15 1/2

Navratilova ready to regain title

World No. 2 dedicates herself to Wimbledon



Navratilova holds the Eastbourne trophy she won by beating Italy's Raffaella Reggi in the final. (Reuter wirephoto)

LONDON, June 25, (Reuter): Martina Navratilova has made many sacrifices to try and prevent Steffi Graf coming between her and a record ninth Wimbledon title again this year.

The world number two missed the French Open for the first time since 1980 and told her usual retinue of friends to stay at home to allow her to dedicate herself fully to weeks of grass court preparation.

She subjected herself to 10 singles matches in as many days in grass court tournaments at Edgbaston and Eastbourne, believing firmly that only real competition could give her the mental and physical edge she needs to win back the Wimbledon title from Graf.

"It has been a tough two weeks and now I am ready," said Navratilova after winning her eighth Eastbourne title yesterday without dropping a set in the tournament.

"I just feel really good about going to Wimbledon this year because I know the preparation has been perfect. I have done everything that I possibly can to get ready."

Helped by the example of

French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez of Spain, Navratilova took to training with Billie Jean King, herself Wimbledon champion six times. Sanchez showed Graf—who won all four Grand Slam events last year—could after all be beaten.

"I have never been so in tune with what I have to do on grass," said Navratilova, who shares with Helen Wills Moody the Wimbledon record of eight titles. "This is the best I have played in a long time. I feel very fit emotionally and physically and I had the extra two weeks which I have never had before."

But while Navratilova credits King, who accompanied her to Eastbourne, with helping her rediscover the joy of playing, the veteran American will not be assisting her at Wimbledon this week.

"If I hadn't done my homework by Wimbledon, then it would be too late," said Navratilova. "You can't cram for Wimbledon—it's not like I can stay up all night and hit serves."

Until last year, when West German Graf beat her in three sets in the final, Navratilova had

always won Wimbledon after taking the Eastbourne title.

"I guess that superstition went out the window last year," said Navratilova who in 98 matches on the Wimbledon and Eastbourne grass since 1982 has lost only twice.

Apart from Graf, Czechoslovak Helena Sukova has beaten her, in the 1987 Eastbourne final.

While Navratilova swore by the importance of match practice last week, Graf, as always, preferred to go straight to Wimbledon and try out the courts.

The world number one was untroubled by the discovery that both Sanchez and the 15-year-old Yugoslav Monica Seles, who took a set off her in the French Open semifinals, were in her quarter of the Wimbledon draw.

Sanchez and Seles, though not at their most comfortable on grass, should prove a bit with the Wimbledon fans who may also be saying goodbye to one of their favourite women, Chris Evert.

Evert has been one of the most consistent players at Wimbledon, reaching the semifinals or final every year except one since 1972.

Pope Paul II makes history

FORMIA, Italy, June 25, (UPI): Pope John Paul II made pontifical history today by watching the 100-metre dash at an international track meet and awarding first prize to US-sprinter Calvin Smith.

The race in John Paul's honour came during his 81st pastoral trip inside Italy, bringing him to Formia, on the seacoast midway between Rome and Naples, and nearby Gaeta and Itri.

In Formia's Stadium of the Oranges, part of an athletic training facility, the Pope spoke to 3,000 young people and witnessed a track race for the first time since becoming Pope in 1978.

In his white papal robes and skullcap, John Paul bestowed first prize on Smith, a former 100-metre world champion, who won the race with a time of 10.25 seconds.

Nations' Cup show jumping

DRAMMEN, Norway, June 25, (Reuter): Results of a Nations' Cup show jumping event yesterday.

Britain 6.0 points. (Team: Paul Sutton riding Wessex Sambo, Geoff Goodwin—Slum Kemberston, Duncan Inglis—Cottage 2, Rob Hoekstra—Indira H).

2. Switzerland 4.0. (Paul Esterman—Tarzan von Bellet, Rudolf Letter—Cartier 2, Rene Fuchs—Milky Way 2, Bruno Candrian—Lampire).

3. Denmark 2.5. (Johan Krabbe—Gazelle, Lone Kroman—Olud, Torben Suhr—Chianti, Soeren Knudsen—Duke).

4. Sweden 2.5.

5. The Netherlands 1.0.

6. France 0.0.

7. Belgium 0.0.

8. Norway 0.0.

Stage set for Wimbledon tourney

WIMBLEDON, England, June 25, (UPI): A glimpse of Princess Diana in the Royal Box at centre court, French Open winner Michael Chang sprinting to return to a baseline ball, Ivan Lendl's reserve, the fire of Gabriela Sabatini. The scent of strawberries, the smell of money.

The All England Lawn Tennis Championships begin tomorrow and centre court is the greatest stage of the greatest tournament in tennis.

"For anyone in the tennis world—players, spectators, administrators alike—Wimbledon is more than a show. Wimbledon is magic. It is without question the most important title any player can aspire to," wrote Max Robertson in his book, "Wimbledon."

Top-seed Lendl said Wimbledon, the only Grand Slam singles title he never has won is "the world's greatest tournament."

For two weeks, the tennis world's attention focuses on these grass courts on the southern outskirts of London. Last year, 1,540 hours of television coverage was shown in 76 countries, reaching an estimated 452 million households, according to the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club.

At the end of 254 singles matches starting tomorrow, on 18 grass courts, all eyes will be on centre court and the battles for the winners' shares of 4 million prize money.

Centre court on opening day is like the proverbial billiard table, smooth with a green, velvet sheen as if the marker has just put the brush over it. Even when turning, twisting and skidding feet have bruised it and Wimbledon sun has tanned it, the centre court surface produces a true bounce," Robertson wrote.

Over 13 days of play, about 400,000 people will attend the tournament. Only 80 very special individuals are invited into the Royal Box, where they will be near Princess Diana, Prince Andrew's wife, popularly known as "Fergie," the Duke of Kent who is the All England Club chairman, and an occasional rock star or actor.

Spectators are reminded proper decorum is required—bates in arms are not to be in the stands, nor is flash photography allowed. Men may not remove their shirts.

"Autograph hunting is not permitted," according to the official guide. But outside of the players' entrance will always be found a mass of young girls looking for tennis's latest idol, re-enacting the scene that originally was created by Bjorn Borg a decade ago.

The fans devour 18 tons of strawberries at 2.30 for eight berries with cream, 9 tons of salmon, 190,000 sandwiches, 126,000 ice creams, 300,000 cups of tea and coffee, 75,000 pints of beer, 12,000 bottles of champagne.

The tournament requires a staff of more than 6,000 to officiate the matches, keep the scores, distribute 27,000 balls and attend to the needs of fans, players and the media.

Botham fails to rescue Worcester

LONDON, June 25, (Reuter): Ian Botham's highest county championship innings since his back operation, a quickfire 47 from 58 balls, was not enough to rescue Worcestershire on the first day of their match against Middlesex yesterday.

Seamer Angus Fraser, left out from the England squad for the second Test against Australia, quickly had Worcester in trouble with a spell of four for 26 and despite Botham's resistance they were dismissed for 142.

Middlesex then lost Desmond Haynes in Neal Radford's first over but a valuable innings of 54 by Mark Ramprakash guided them to 193 for seven by the close, a lead of 51.

Dermot Reeve was unlucky not to complete his third first-class century when he was left stranded on 97 not out as Warwickshire were dismissed for 338 by championship leaders Essex at Ilford.

Reeve arrived at the crease as Warwickshire were

tottering at 172 for five and proceeded to slam four sixes and nine fours in an innings spanning just 133 deliveries.

Left-arm spinner John Childs, who on Friday took seven wickets in helping Essex beat Hampshire on the same pitch, was again the chief wicket-taker, finishing with four for 96.

Essex replied with 34 without loss by the close. Kent recovered against title contenders Lancashire at Old Trafford after West Indies fast bowler Patrick Patterson ripped through the top order with four wickets to leave them struggling on 87 for five.

But then Mark Ealham, son of former Kent captain Alan, shared a seventh-wicket stand of 74 with Steve Marsh to help push Kent to a respectable 296.

Ealham, making his county debut, made 45 and Marsh 59.



Under-21 champion

Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia holds up her under-21 winners trophy after beating Arantxa Sanchez of Spain 3-6-7-5-6-1 in the final of the Eastbourne Tennis Tournament on Saturday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Barcelona sail past Malaga

BARCELONA, Spain, June 25, (Reuter): Barcelona, who kept snapping at Real Madrid's heels in a vain bid to dethrone them as Spanish soccer champions, ended their League season yesterday by trouncing Malaga 4-0 at home.

Paraguayan Julio Cesar Romero gave Barcelona the lead in the 16th minute and Ernesto Valverde added a second a minute later.

Aitor Beguiristain effectively ended the match as a contest with the third goal in the 24th minute and Roberto Fernandez put the icing on the cake with a fourth 13 minutes into the second half.

Gower faces greatest crisis of cricket career

LONDON, June 25, (Reuter): Belegged England captain David Gower faces the greatest crisis of his chequered cricket career tomorrow as his team battle to save the second Test against Australia.

Yesterday, Gower watched as Australia piled up 528 runs—their highest total at Lord's since Don Bradman hit 254 out of 729 for six declared in 1930.

Then, after England had slumped to 58 for three, still needing 184 to avoid an innings defeat, Gower stormed out of a news conference after his tactics in the field were closely questioned.

Since Gower casually pulled his first ball in Test cricket to the boundary 11 years ago, he has alternately entranced and frustrated England cricket followers.

Lazy footwork and occasional lapses of concentration prevent Gower's inclusion among the batting greats, but his Test record of more than 7,000 runs, at an average in excess of 40, place him high among his contemporaries.

But his recall to the English captaincy this season has turned into a nightmare with crushing 210-run defeat in the first Test at Headingley and a disastrous



The Australian team applauds Waugh's century. (Reuter wirephoto)

opening to the second test leading to an inevitable grilling at yesterday's end-of-day news conference.

Gower started smoothly with a series of clinches in soccer manager style. "It's completely in the lap of the gods," said Gower. "We'll give it our best shot... we'll cross our fingers—and hope that there's a bit of luck going."

But, as former England players Phil Edmonds and Mike Selvey queried his tactics, the usually friendly Gower became more and more tense.

Finally, he snapped. "Right, that's it, I'm off," he said, as he leapt to his feet and swept from the room knocking over a chair and a camera tripod in his haste. Embarrassed England team

manager Micky Stewart explained that Gower and his team had been invited to the theatre and taxis were waiting outside.

The impression was unfortunate for England fans looking hopefully for a repeat of the batting heroics of 1953 when Trevor Bailey and Willie Watson res-

cued their side from a parlous position in the Lord's Ashes Test.

The grit, determination and sheer professionalism Bailey and Watson showed that day has been present in abundance in this match, but, with the honourable exceptions of Graham Gooch and Jack Russell, it has been all on the Australian side.

Steve Waugh looks like a throwback to the Bradman days with his short haircut and baggy green cap.

And in the first two Tests he has batted like the master himself, adding an unbeaten 152 yesterday to his 177 not out at Headingley.

He was nobly assisted by the Australian tailenders and delighted Australian skipper Allan Border was able to set imaginative attacking fields as his bowlers snapped up three key wickets before the close.

Gower, whose 15 not out included two exquisite on-drives, is still at the crease with former skipper Mike Gatting.

With the match probably past saving, the England XI must be the only people in the country praying for a swift end to the glorious summer weather.



Borussia Dortmund's Michael Rummenigge (right) and Werder's Riedle fight for the ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

Dortmund win Cup

WEST BERLIN, June 25, (Reuter): Norbert Dickel struck two classy goals as underdogs Borussia Dortmund beat last year's League champions Werder Bremen 4-1 in the West German Cup final yesterday.

Dickel, just back from a six-week injury layoff, coolly slotted home in the first half to cancel out an early Werder goal. He then before fired in a spectacular volley from outside the penalty area as Dortmund scored three times in 16 minutes in the second half.

The victory gave Dortmund their first domestic title since 1965 when they won the Cup for the first time.

Werder international Karl-Heinz Riedle gave favourites Werder the lead in the 14th minute before Dickel's 21st minute equaliser.

Striker Frank Mill broke the deadlock with a header in the 58th minute as Dickel's effort in the 71st minute and a goal by substitute Michael Lusch three minutes later gave Dortmund victory.

Dickel's place was in doubt right up until the kickoff but coach Horst Koepfel's gamble to play him paid off.

Werder looked tired after a long season which saw them finish third in the League behind champions Bayern Munich.

Yugoslavs rout Italians

Greeks edge Soviets

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, June 25, (Reuter): Greece scored a stunning 81-80 win over Olympic champions the Soviet Union yesterday to win a place in the final of the men's European Basketball Championship.

The reigning champions were to play Yugoslavia who outlasted Italy 97-80 in the other semifinal.

The Greeks built an 11-point lead at one stage in the first half but the Soviets composed themselves enough to trail by just a point at the break.

In the second half the Olympic champions pulled ahead by five points and looked to be on their way to the final. But the Greeks, led by the brilliant Nikos Galis who scored 45 points, never gave up and chased tirelessly.

The turning point came when the Russians lost their best player Sharmas Marchoulis in the 30th minute for five fouls. His absence upset the team's attacking tactics and the Greeks closed the gap to a single point two minutes later.

With a minute left the Soviets clung to an 80-78 lead, but their

top scorer Valeri Tikhonenko missed a middle-range shot and Panionios Athens' winger Fanis Christodoulou scored a superb three-point shot to send the Greeks into their second successive final.

Delighted Greek coach Efthimos Kionourtzoglou said: "We outpaced the Soviets when everybody, including myself, saw them in the final."

"We are not expecting to win the gold medal again. The Yugoslavs are much too strong. But then everybody said the Soviets were much too strong, too."

Soviet coach Valdas Garastas was scathing in his criticism of some of his star men.

"The players acted as if they were not motivated enough in this semifinal," he said. "Maybe I shouldn't say this, but Sabonis, Khomichus, Marchoulis and Volkov were probably thinking more about their future lucrative contracts in foreign, notably American, teams than how to beat Greeks."

"You can beat nobody with an attitude like that."

Cram wins 1,500 metres in style

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 25, (Reuter): Britain's Steve Cram clocked the fastest time by a European this season yesterday in his first 1,500 metres since his disappointing showing in the Seoul Olympics.

Cram, who will be attempting to win a fifth consecutive "dream mile" in Oslo next Saturday, clocked three minutes 35.41 seconds—a time bettered only by Kenyans Yobes Ondieki and Kip Cheruiyot this season—in the match between Britain, the United States, West Germany and the Soviet Union.

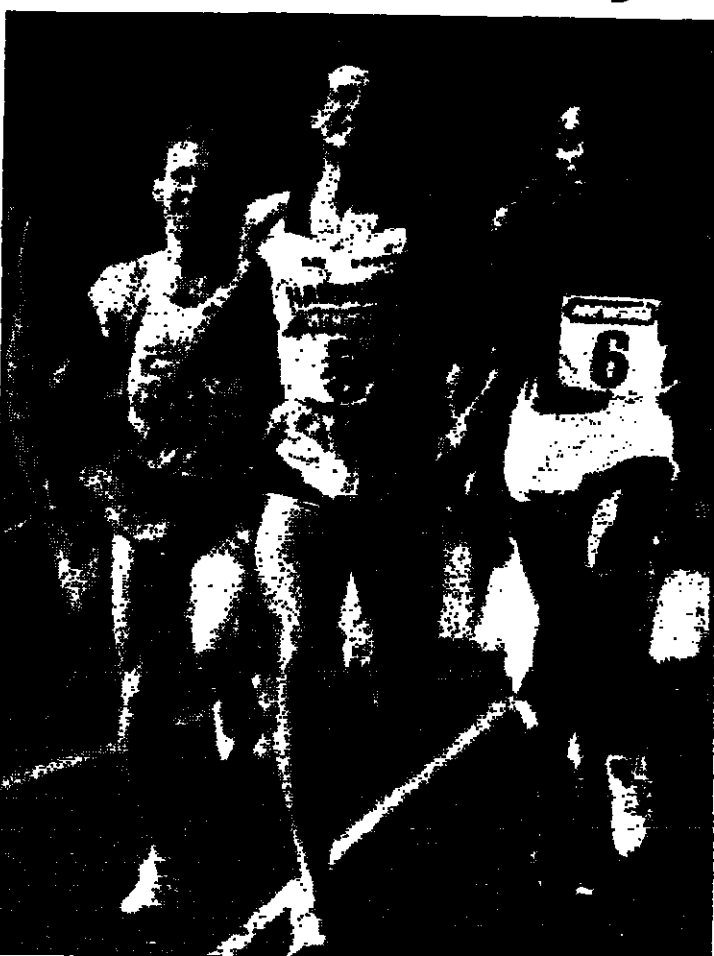
He made his run for home with 500 metres left, resisted a challenge from world indoor bronze medalist Jeff Atkinson of the United States, then strode clear on the back straight to win by 30 metres from West German Rudiger Stenzel.

Cram's only concern was a recurrence of his longstanding calf injury. "It felt very tight when I was warming up and I could feel it during the race so that's why I decided to kick for home a long way out," he said.

Sebastian Coe, another of Britain's middle distance stars, also tasted success in an invitation 800 metres.

But the world record holder over the distance almost came to grief on the track where his Olympic hopes died in the British trials last year.

Coe went through the first lap in a sizzling 49.77 seconds, enabling him to establish a lead of 25 metres. But the pack gradually closed as he tired on the back



Coe, No. 5, runs towards the finish line on his way to victory in the 800 metres. (Reuter wirephoto)

straight of the second lap and Coe finished only a stride ahead of compatriot Kevin McKay in 1:46.83.

The United States won the men's match and the Soviet Union won the women's competition.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Aguilera wins

BARI, Italy, June 25, (Reuter): Juan Aguilera of Spain, unseeded, won the Bari Grand Prix tennis tournament today, beating fourth seed Marian Vajda of Czechoslovakia 3-6-6-3-6-4.

Mizuno Open

HAKUI, Japan, June 25, (AP): Akiyoshi Ohmachi overtook Australian Brian Jones with a birdie on the 16th hole to win the \$464,000 Mizuno Open golf tournament by two shots today. Jones missed a three-foot putt for par on the same hole.

Bristol GP

BRISTOL, England, June 25, (AP): Fourth-seeded Eric Jelen of West Germany had to fight all the way yesterday before beating unseeded Nick Brown of Britain 6-4 3-6, 7-5 to win the \$130,000 Bristol Grass-court Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Marathon race

PENNSAUKEN, New Jersey, June 25, (AP): Bill Shultz covered 475 miles (765 kilometres) in six days and six nights to win the 10th Annual Pain Zone six marathon race yesterday, race officials said.

Miller 400

BROOKLYN, Michigan, June 25, (UPI): Ken Schrader clocked a qualifying lap of 174.728 mph (281.189 kph) in his Chevrolet yesterday to earn the pole position for the Nascar Miller 400 at Michigan International Speedway. Schrader will start in the front row of today's race along with Bill Elliott who turned in the second-fastest speed of 174.516 mph (280.848 kph).

Title fight

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, June 25, (UPI): "Prince" Charles Williams will fight to defend his International Boxing Federation light heavy weight title and the reputation of referee Carlos Padilla today in his rematch against Bobby Czyz. Williams took the IBF 175-pound (79 kg) title on a ninth-round knockout over Czyz Oct 29, 1987 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Soviet player

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25, (Reuter): The Golden State Warriors said yesterday the team has signed Sarunas Marculionis, leading scorer on the Soviet Union's 1988 gold medal-winning Olympic squad, making him the first Soviet citizen to play in the US National Basketball Association (NBA).

Indonesia win

JAKARTA, June 25, (Reuter): Indonesia beat Hong Kong 3-2 (halftime 0-1) in a World Cup Asia Group Six soccer qualifier today. Scorers: Hong Kong—Leung Nang Yan (11th minute, 19th penalty); Indonesia—Mustaqim (59th), Herry Kiswanto (74th penalty, 89th penalty).

Cup qualifier

TOKYO, June 25, (Reuter): North Korea beat Japan 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in their World Cup Asia Group Six first round soccer qualifier in Pyongyang today.